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# M. P.s' Move To Censure Viceroy?

*CONGRESS SEES THROUGH IT:*

## AND SO WILL NOT WALK INTO THE TRAP

## MAHATMA'S DRAFT FORMULA

## READY FOR EVENTUALITIES IF PEACE OFFER IS SPURNED

*(From Our Special Representative).*

VITHALNAGAR, FEB. 18.

On the eve of the plenary session the position regarding Ministerial crisis is becoming clearer. Out of the plethora of arguments and counter-arguments, emerges the suggestion, that in the present case, Congress should not be in a hurry to oblige the British authorities, who, apparently, as observed by Gandhiji, have become tired of Congress Raj with its proud record of constructive work and stronger hold on the masses.

At first, many were put out at the Governor-General's unwanted interference and were more inclined to take up the challenge and retaliate Subsequently, however, Gandhiji's own uncanny intuition is believed to have brought about a change of opinion.

**Gandhiji is reported to have drafted a six page resolution, which is now under discussion in the Working Committee.**

*GANDHIJI'S DRAFT*

It is understood the resolution exhaustively recalls the controversy prior to the Office acceptance, cites assurances given by Governors, the Viceroy and British statesmen and contrasts the present action with those assurances. Nevertheless as a matter of tactics, Congress is willing to allow five Ministries to continue, in the hope that representatives of British authority would see wisdom and make amends.

The resolution, nevertheless declares the readiness of the Congress to take up the challenge, if Gandhiji's reasonable offer for peace negotiations is spurned.

It is believed that Mahatma Gandhi was engaged in drafting the resolution for a couple of days, despite his weak health.

Consensus of opinion in Haripura Ministers' Camp as well as in the Working Committee is reported to favour Gandhiji's tactful, brave and reasonable formula.

## Door Open For Negotiations

**HARIPURA: February 18.**

**When Congress Working Committee met this morning it had before it a long resolution, drafted by Mahatma Gandhi during the last two days, on the Ministerial Crisis.**

The resolution after tracing the events since the Ministries were in power and the statements and counter-statements, leading to the Viceroy's statement interpreting the powers of provincial Governors under the Act, is believed to place the blame for the present crisis on the Governors and Governor-General.

It is understood that it emphasises the opinion that the Governor-General should first have given a warning to the ministers through the Governors concerning the action which he proposed to take.

The operative part of the resolution, however, is believed to leave the door open for negotiations for a settlement.

A sub-committee of four consisting of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr Bhulabhai Desai has been appointed to go into the various aspects of the question with Mahatma Gandhi during the day before it meets again to-night at 8-30 p.m.

According to talks in informed circles it appears that the final decision will leave the door open for further negotiation.

"We will play our own game but rest assured we shall not play the game which the British Government wants us to play" remarked a member of the Working Committee at the conclusion of the Committee meeting this morning.

The trend of discussions in the Congress ministerial and other camps indicate that the concensus of opinion is in favour of localising the crisis to Bihar and the United Provinces and is against making the other five Congress ministries resign immediately.

No one however appears to be

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## ONE MORE CHANCE TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

### Congress Cabinet's Attitude

(Congress Special Service.)

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

"United Press" learns that the Congress Working Committee will meet at 9 in the night to consider further Gandhiji's draft resolution on constitutional crisis.

It is further learnt that Gandhiji's draft disapproves of the Governor-General's interference and considers that he has been hastily led into exercising special powers which is not warranted by the situation.

It appears that Gandhiji suggests that the Working Committee and the Congress should give time to the Governor-General to reconsider his decision, in the light of reactions in the country and England and criticism made by British and Indian press and authorities like Lord Lothian, disapproving of the exercise of special powers in the sphere of Law and Order.

It would further appear that Congress will carefully watching the situation till the Governor-General either reconsiders his earlier decision and alters it to satisfy the Ministers or stick to his guns, before deciding to take drastic action and make it an All-India crisis.

In case the Governor-General or Governors do not reconsider their action and evolve a compromise satisfactory to Ministers, the Working Committee will again be summoned to define further course of action.—United Press.

## SUBJECTS COMMITTEE DEBATE

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

The Subjects Committee adjourned at 5-30 p.m. till to-morrow morning after adopting the resolution on States as amended by the compromise formula proposed by Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayaya.

The amendment of Shrimati Satyavati Devi was lost by 200 against 74 votes and that of Mr. Ramchandra was negatived.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad moved the resolution on Kisans, which wil be discussed to-morrow.—United Press Special.

**For Details See Page 7.**

Chinese Buddhists Sounding the gong at Haripura.

## Is Ministry-hunt Over?

*BIHAR GOVERNOR SUMMONS R. T. C. OF DISTRICT HEADS*

***HAZARIBAG, February 18.***

***It is understood that all District Magistrates of Bihar including the Deputy Commissioner of Hazaribagh, have been summoned to Patna telephonically today, presumably to discuss the situation arising out of the resignation of the Congress Ministry, and also to ascertain the position in the districts.—United Press.***

### MINISTRY MAKING IN BIHAR

*Chandreshwar Sinha Meets Governor But Keeps Mum*

PATNA, Feb. 18.

Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narayan Sinha had an interview with the Governor for over one hour this afternoon. When met by pressmen, Mr. Sinha declined to say anything.

Questioned whether he would come to a decision to-morrow, Mr. Sinha merely said: "I have no statement to make."—AP

### Bihar Governor And Assembly

PATNA, Feb. 18.

The Governor of Bihar has cancelled the previous notification summoning the Bihar Assembly to meet on February 24.

According to the provisional programme announced some time ago the Budget for the year 1938/39 was to be presented in the Assembly on February 24.—A. P.

### COALITION CABINET FOR BIHAR?

DARBHANGA, Feb. 18.

Darbhanga, where the Governor of Bihar held a Durbar yesterday in order to present the Sanad of the title of Raja Bahadur to Kumar Vishweshwara Singh, brother of the Maharajadhiraja Bahadur, became a scene of great political and social activity with the arrival of Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narayan Sinha, Leader of the Opposition and of the Coalition party in the Bihar Assembly, Mr. M. Yunus, Leader of the Moslem Independent Party, and other Provincial Leaders.

As a result of the negotiations, there is possibility of the Independent party co-operating or combining with the Coalition Party if Mr Sinha agrees to form a Cabi

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## Presidential Address

***The speech of The President of the Congress will appear in full in To-day (Saturday's) "Sentinel."***

### TRIAL OF HUNGER-STRIKERS

*Sentenced In Batches For Break Of Jail Discipline*

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

Criminal proceedings have been started against 68 prisoners in the Alipore Central Jail, who resorted to hunger-strike 12 days back as a protest against the nature of their food supply.

They are being tried inside the jail in batches of ten under the Prison Act and two batches have already been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment for breach of jail discipline.

The prisoners defended themselves in the case.—United Press.

## STOP PRESS

UNUSUAL CABINET MEETING

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The British Cabinet has arranged an unusual meeting for Saturday afternoon to deal with the International affairs, but it is not thought that any "crisis" is confronting the Ministers.

At the conclusion of Count Grandi's visit to Downing Street, an official statement was issued, stating that Count Grandi discussed with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary the general international situation and the relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

## Crisis Deliberately Engineered

## RELEASE OF POLITICALS NOT MAIN ISSUE

## Rights And Powers Of Non-Congress Ministries Also At Stake

*"Chronicle" Special Cable*

LONDON, Feb. 18.

**In the lobbies of the House of Commons, the Constitutional crisis in India has become a major item of discussion, along with the danger of Austria's absorption by Germany.**

**The old tendency to divide Nationalist ranks is displayed again in Conservative Press. It is suggested that the present conflict is not really between Government and Congress but between Right and Left Wings of the Congress.**

**Liberal opinion, however, as represented by the "Manchester Guardian," the "News Chronicle" and the "Star" is inclined to censure the Governor-General for precipitating intervention. They consider Provincial Autonomy a farce, if Ministers are to be deprived responsibility for Law and Order. There is strong belief in well-informed quarters that the present move is part of "strategy" to enforce Federation. Even the politically minded section of the people here shrewdly suspect that perhaps Lord Lothian's report of Indian hostility to Federation has had a disturbing effect on Whitehall and the present crisis has been deliberately engineered to eliminate the Extremists and produce a mild moderate Congress Party, including the Right Wing elements which may be anxious to co-operate and help to work the Federal scheme.**

**It is, however, noteworthy that the unanimous British criticism of Congress attitude before taking office last year has now been modified and a liberal view is now taken insisting that Ministers should be given free hand in running the administration in the Provinces.**

Though there is much speculation about the recent visits of Lord Lothian and Lard Samuel to India, official Labour have declined to comment on the same.

I understand that Lord Lothian has accepted the invitation of Labour Party's Imperial Advisory Committee to be held on Wednesday next. All Labour leaders will attend as Lord Lothian is expected to give first hand information on India at the meeting.

**NOT MERE PROVINCIAL ISSUE**

**There is considerable speculation as to the attitude of Subhas, and the lines along which he would guide the Congress through the present crisis. His remarks while in London, regarding conflict between Governors and Congress Ministries are believed to suggest that he would support a stiff fight against Government.**

**This afternoon, Miss Ellen Wilkinson told me "If the simple right of releasing political prisoners were taken away from Ministers, there seems nothing worthwhile left for Ministers to do." She added, "Two Governors have precipitated the first Ministerial crisis on an issue, on which they will not have much support from Great Britain, except from amongst the extreme Conservatives. But it is quite clear that this is not a mere provincial issue. It raises an All-India issue involving the rights and powers of the Ministers of other provinces too.**

**The bulk of British Labour is of the view that if Indian Ministers are not to be trusted with even limited powers, then the whole basis of the Conservative Government's Government of India Act will have been undermined.**

**SOMETHING SINISTER BEHIND**

**Mr. Reginald Sorensen, M.P., who is Parliamentary Secretary of the India League in the course of a talk with me could not help feeling that there might be deeper design beneath the action of the Governors. He takes the view that the situation was more or less deliberately created, in order to better the prospects of Federation.**

**THE REAL ISSUE**

**In Mr. Sorensen's opinion, the crisis is, in reality, a challenge of the sincerity of the British Government. If British Government really desires to see that even that meagre measure of democracy is worked in India, then it should recognise fuliy the rights of Indian Ministers. Whether it is wise or unwise for Ministers to release politicals or alleged terrorists is quite irrelevant to the basic principle. The main issue is whether Indian Provincial Legislature shall be free to decide their own policy without unwarranted interference from the representatives of Britism Imperialism.**

**It is generally agreed even by moderate opinion in Britain that the present action of the two Governors and the Viceroy is psychologically dangerous and unwarranted. Mr. Sorensen therefore has convened a special meeting of the India League Parliamentary Committee for Monday next, when steps are likely to be taken to see that the decision of the Governors shall be speedily altered, and thus give an opportunity to British Government to vindicate assurances often made of facilities for the development of political liberty in India.**

GALLACHER ON CRISIS.

Mr. William Gallacher said "I am glad that Congress leaders have taken the right action as a necessary step to bring about vital changes in the much vaunted new Constitution.

However, it must not be understood that whatever measure of modification in the present Constitution may be effected it would mean the ultimate and final solution of the Indian problem for all forces must be united behind Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Subhas Bose and everything possible must be done in the present crisis to strengthen and organise great masses of Indian people and give another fight to British Imperialism and attain complete Independence. The underlying idea of British Imperialism is to further strengthen the restrictive character of the present constitution and if possible to break up the present unity and solidarity in Congress ranks. But this move of British Imperialism is bound to fail and result in the ever increasing solidarity of Indian masses who are making brave and heroic efforts to bring the day of Indian freedom nearer and nearer."

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Bombay, 10th February, 1938.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUIT NO. 1461 OF 1937.

LONG CAUSE.

Plaint filed the 10th day of September, 1937.

MESSRS. KAPURCHAND LIMITED ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
(1). KAIKHUSHRU MERWANJI MODY, (2.) BAI SUKANBAI, (3.) MAHOMEDALLI MOOSAJI, (4.) TAHERHUSSEIN MOOSAJI, (5) BAI SAKINABAI ESUFALLY, (6.) MESSRS. WESTERN INDIA THEATRES. LTD. ... Defendants.

To,
Mahomedally Moosaji,
Taherhussein Moosaji,
Bai Sakinabai Esufally,

Being respectively Defendants Nos. 3, 4 and 5 abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above suit has been filed by the Plaintiffs against Kaikhushru Merwanji Mody and Others including yourselves as Defendants Nos. 3, 4 and 5, praying that the Defendants Nos. 1, 2 and 6 may be ordered to specifically perform the agreement dated 16th December, 1936, mentioned in the Plaint and to do all acts necessary for that purpose, for an Order against the Defendants Nos. 1, 2 and 6 to execute the drafts of Deed of Mortgage and agreement or such other documents, for an Order for payment against the Defendants or any one or some of them to the Plaintiffs of such sum as the Court may deem proper as and by way of damages suffered by the Plaintiffs on account of the delay caused by the Defendants, for payment of percentage of Box Office Receipts and damages, for the appointment of a Receiver of the properties agreed to be mortgaged, for an injunction, for costs of the suit and for further and other relief and that you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court, on the 28th day of March 1938 at 11 o'clock Standard Time in the forenoon in person or by an Advocate duly instructed by attorneys of this Court and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit and that in default of appearance as aforesaid, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

WITNESS SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid this 23rd day of September, 1937.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

TAHIR ALI,
For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

MESSRS. NATVERLAL AND CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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1.—To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 31st December 1937.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUMMARY SUIT NO: 1421 OF 1937.

BHIMJI RAMDAS, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, carrying on business as a Share and Stock Broker at Apollo Street, within the Fort of Bombay ..... Plaintiff.
vs.
JATASHANKER T. PATHAK, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant residing at c/o. Madhawji Hariram, Warden Road, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendants.

GEORGE, VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Greeting:

WHEREAS the abovenamed plaintiff has instituted a suit in this Court against you the abovenamed Defendant under rule 2 of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for Rs. 2,000 in respect of transactions mentioned in the Plaint herein together with interest thereon at the rate of nine per cent. per annum from the 1st July, 1937, till judgment costs of the suit and interest on judgment at the rate of six per cent. per annum till payment, you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 2,000 and interest as aforesaid, and costs, together with such interest, if any, as the Court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the Plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a Summons for judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the Suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

Witness SIR JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid this 10th day of September 1937.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,
for Prothonotary & Senior Master.

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,

The 10th day of September, 1937.
MESSRS. AMARCHAND AND MANGALDAS,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.
7963.

## Public Notices

THE BOMBAY STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,

SPECIAL EXCURSION STEAMER TO ELEPHANTA.

Morning & Afternoon.

With effect from Sunday the 20th February, 1938 the Special Excursion steamer for Elephanta leaving Ferry Wharf, Alexandra Dock, on Sundays and Holidays at 9-0 A.M. will leave Elephanta at 12-0 Noon on the return voyage thus giving 2 hours at Elephanta for Excursionists to visit the Caves and return to Bombay in time for lunch. It is hoped that this arrangement will suit the convenience of the passengers who will avail themselves of this facility in large numbers.

The afternoon Excursion steamer will continue to leave Ferry Wharf at 2 P.M. and return at 6-30 P.M. as hithertofore.

KILLICK NIXON & CO.,
Agents.
100, Frere Road,
Bombay, 18th February, 1938.
(Tel. No. 25061).
7977.

VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT BAZAR GATE STREET AND BORAH BAZAR STREET FOR SALE.

OFFERS ARE INVITED by our client Mr. Hirji Umersey the sole surviving Executor of the last Will of Gangji Lakhmidas deceased for the sale of the under mentioned property.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land partly of quit and ground rent tenure and partly of pension and tax tenure together with messuage, tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon, lying and being at Bazar Gate Street and Borah Bazar Street, within the Fort, containing by admeasurement 350 square yards according to the Cadastral Survey Sheets, and 330 square yards according to the title-deeds or thereabouts bearing Cadastral Survey Nos. 1338, 1329, 1340 and 1339, Fort Division and bearing Municipal Ward Nos. 2205(1) and 2205(2), Street Nos. 91, 95, 100, 102 and 93.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. R. E. PAPA & CO., Attorneys for Mr. Hirji Umersey at their Office at 41, Hummum Street, Fort, or to Mr. Hirji Umersey at the aforesaid premises.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1938.

R. E. PAPA & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. Hirji Umersey.
7928.

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS (*in duplicate*) in the prescribed form are invited from British subjects, preferably natives of the Province of Bombay, who possess a *First Class* degree of a recognised University in Civil Engineering and are fully trained Civil Engineers with at least five years' experience in practice (excluding apprenticeship and probationary service) for the permanent pensionable post of Lecturer in Engineering in the Bombay Educational Service Class II at the College of Engineering, Poona. *Pay*: Rs. 170-10-250-E. B.-15-400-E. B.-20-500 with probation for 2 years on Rs. 170, subject to revision. *Age*: Ordinarily not less than 23 and more than 30 years.

Full particulars will be found in Part I of the issues of the *Bombay Government Gazette* dated the 10th and 17th February 1938, and can also be obtained, together with copies of the prescribed form of application, on payment of Rupee one for each copy of the form, on requisition, with self-addressed envelope with a 2-anna stamp, to the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of application:—15th March, 1938. *Any attempt, direct or indirect, to influence the Secretary or a Member of the Commission will disqualify the candidate.*
7885.

ROYAL NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of an ENGINEER IN-CHARGE of a Tug at Trincomalee. Applicants should possess a Second Class Board of Trade or Colonial Certificate and must have had experience with Oil-fired Boilers.

Pay—Rs. 4,200 per annum rising by Rs. 300 to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 per annum.

Applications should be addressed to:—
THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE.
Ceylon.
(7932)

## Public Notices

NOTICE.

"SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Motor Vehicles and Taxation, Head Police Office, Bombay, upto 12 noon 10th March, 1938, for the supply of registration number plates of motor vehicles, Public conveyance number plates for taxi cabs and motor omnibuses and badges for taxi and omnibus drivers and conductors for the year commencing from 1-4-1938 to 31-3-1939. The samples of the different types of number plates and badges can be seen at the Motor Vehicles Department. The rate quoted should be for each pair of number plates in the case of registration number plates and for a single plate in the case of public conveyance number plate and for a single badge.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Motor Vehicles Department, Head Police Office, Bombay.

H. B. KIDD,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
M. V. & Taxation, Bombay.
7965.

DISTRIBUTORS WANTED

THE BARODA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE intends to place on the market during the ensuing hot weather a purely Swadeshi Lime Juice and Lime Cordial, which is being bottled at the Fruit Preservation Laboratory, Baroda. The total quantity available for distribution and sale this season is limited.

The products are really genuine juices of the Indian Kagdi Limbu and cane sugar, scientifically bottled and attractively packed.

Tenders are invited by the undersigned from intending Distributors stating terms for sale or sub-agencies, by the 28th of February, 1938.

R. G. ALLAN,
Commissioner of Agriculture,
Baroda State, Baroda.
(7852)

## Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. SAVAK RATONJI BOMONJI of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant, has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property free from all encumbrances.

Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Cama Building, Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claims, and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of redeemed Pension and Tax land or ground together with the messuages tenements, bungalow and outhouses, standing thereon situate, lying and being at Nepean Road, Malabar Hill, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 6,829 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3270 and Street numbers formerly 18, 28, 33 and 38 and now 16, and bearing New Survey No. 7163 and 1|7163 and Cadastral Survey No. 361, Malabar Hill Division, and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by the Nepean Road, on or towards the South by Cadastral No. 331, on or towards the East by the property of Mr. Savak Ratonji Bomonji and on or towards the West partly by the said Nepean Road and partly by Cadastral No. 358|1 and which said premises are now in the occupation of the tenant of the Vendor.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1938.

SOMJEE & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7950)

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## Public Notices

**BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY**

NOTICE

The following plot will be put to Public Auction for outright sale in this Office at 3 P.M. (S.T.) on Friday the 25th February, 1938:

| Estate or locality. | Plot No. | Approximate Area in sq. yards. | User. |
|---|---|---|---|
| MUNICIPAL PLOT TO BE SOLD OUTRIGHT | | | |
| Estate. Palton Road | 8 | 700 | Unrestricted. |

A copy of full particulars of auction and special conditions relating to the plot to be sold with a site plan will be supplied on application to the undersigned on payment of Annas Eight only. Conditions of the sale and other particulars can be inspected at the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day except Saturday.

H. M. ABHYANKAR.
Estate Agent & Land Manager.

Bombay, 17th February, 1938.

7939.

## Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR. BRIJLAL GANGAPRASAD PANDIT has contracted to sell to our client his property, situate at Khar in the village of Danda in the Bombay Suburban District, hereinbelow described. All persons having any claim right title or interest against to in upon or in respect of the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, possession, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

Land with a dwelling house standing thereon situate at Khar in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra admeasuring 602 square yards or thereabouts and bearing plot No. 449 of Scheme No. VII Khar and bounded on the East by the fourteenth Road, on the West by plot No. 452 and 453, on the North by plot No. 448 and on the South by plot No. 450.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1938.

AMRITLAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

7975.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai SHIRINBAI NOWROJI ADAJANIA and NOWROJI JAMSHEDJI JAMSHEDJI, both of Bombay Parsis have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, maintenance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at No. 14K, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece of leasehold land together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate at Foras Road, without the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 2467 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1 and New No. 13464, Old Survey No. 68 and New Survey Nos. 6922 to 6924 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 237 of the Tardeo Division and bounded, on or towards the East by the property of Memon Haji Adam Sidick, on or towards the North partly by the stables belonging to Haji Umar Jamal and partly by the property of Kamathi Rajana, on or towards the South by the said Foras Road and on or towards the West by the property of C. J. Sethna and bearing Municipal D Ward Nos. 4814 to 4818 and Street Number formerly 49, 51-1, 2 and 1 and Now 60A, 62 to 68E and 60B and are now in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1938.

MERWANJI KOLAH & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

7976.

## Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHHOTALAL JEEVANDAS, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned Property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 41, Hamam Street, within the Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the Sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground with the building standing thereon, situate at Mulund (Mangalpuri) in the Registration Sub-District of Salsette, District Thana in the Bombay Suburban District, admeasuring 2,000 square yards or thereabouts being Plot No. 27 (Hissa) Entry No. 263 and Survey No. 1000 and bounded as follows:—On the East Plot No. 28 on the West Plot No. 26 on the South Narottamdas Road and on the North by Plot No. 4.

Dated this 18th day of February 1938

R. E. PAPA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

7969.

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIAMBAI, daughter of Haji Abdul Currim Kadwani of Bombay Cutchi Memon Mahomedan inhabitant has contracted for the absolute sale to our clients of the undermentioned property. All persons, therefore, having, or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof, whether by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, gift, sale, mortgage, charge, lien, lease, or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make such claims known in writing to the undersigned at their office, No. 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims, and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Quit and Ground rent land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house, standing thereon situate, lying and being on the West side of Bhendy Bazar or Parel Road in the Registration sub-district of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 236 4/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 139, New No. 7453, Old Survey No. 1527, New Survey No. 988, and Cadastral Survey No. 3407 of the Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 8052 and Street Nos. 276, 278, 280, New Street Nos. 216-220 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the Bhendy Bazar or Parel Road, on or towards the West by Sweeper's passage, on or towards the North by the property of Fakirji Nanabhai, and on or towards the South by the property of Tyebji Ebrahim Reshamwala and which said premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the Vendor.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1938.

ARDESHIR HORMUSJI DINSHAW & CO.,
Purchasers Attorneys

7952.

## Auction Sales

**GANDHI & Co.**
Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF SCRAP MATERIAL AND WOODEN SLEEPERS AT HAJI BUNDER DEPOT. G.I.P. RAILWAY.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers, will under instructions from the Controller of Stores, G. I. P. Railway (Bombay), sell by Public Auction at the Railway's Depot at Haji Bunder on Wednesday, the 23rd February, 1938, at 10 a.m. (S.T.), Scrap Material and Wooden Sleepers of G. I. P Railway including:—

Springs, Engine fittings, Bolts, Wagon underframes, Buffer plungers, Cast steel, Brake blocks, Fire bars, Steel tyres, Wheels centre, Skeleton wheels, Cuttings and Punchings, Steel tubes, Steel rails, Iron rails, Tongue rails Cast Iron chairs, Cast Iron pots, Castings, Tie bars, fish plates, Steel keys, Bolts and nuts, Steel pipes, Wooden sleepers, Shell loco boilers, Wagon body with underframes, Tanks, etc., etc.

TERMS:—10 per cent. Deposit in Cash.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, Wadi Bunder, G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers, will, under instructions from G.I.P. Railway, and in accordance with Section 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, sell by Public Auction on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1938, at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at G. I. P. Railway, Wadi Bunder Unclaimed Goods Office, the unclaimed goods including:—

Rice, Wheat, Bajree Gram, Jawari, Toor, Husk, Hirda, Cottonseed, G. N. Seed, Dall, Drug, Cotton, Sugar, Cans, Tins, Drums Barrel, Casks, Cotton ropes, Coir Matting, Gulkund, Dates, Brooms, Books, Jagree, Bags, E. W. Cases, Tyres, Bamboos and Rafters, Bangles, Globes, E. Jars, I. Bars, C. I. Sheets, G. Beads, Iron Sheets, Iron Pipes, Tea, Soap, C. Medicine, Shoes, Nails, slate Pencils, Haberdesherry, Oilman Stores, Tubes, Tarpaulin pieces, iron Scrap, etc., etc.

TERMS:—50 per cent. Deposit or full amount and balance to be paid and delivery to be taken on or before 7th March, 1938.

GANDHI & CO.

**D. MISTRY & CO.**

GRAND BONA-FIDE SALE

Under instructions from Capt. T. V. Rollinson high class modern bungalow furniture, Frigidaire, carpet, A. C. Radio set, fire-proof safe, sewing machine, gramophone, perambulator, glass crockery, platedware, etc., also one Humber Touring motor car. TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 20th instant, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at "Marble Hall", Wodehouse Road, Colaba, next to K. Rustom and Co. On view, D. MISTRY and CO., Auctioneers Tel. No. 22801.

**CRAWFORD & CO.**

AUCTION SALE OF FORD MOTOR CAR NO. T.1324.

By order of the Official Assignee Ford Motor Car T. 1324 of insolvent Gundo Babaji Tilve, will be sold on MONDAY, 21st February, 1938, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), at our Rooms, 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay

CRAWFORD & CO.

**BENNETT & CO.**
120, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

AUCTION SALE OF A VERY BIG LOT OF SANSKRIT AND HINDI RELIGIOUS BOOKS AND OTHER KINDS OF BOOKS, FURNITURE, MACHINERY, ETC

Under instructions from the Court Liquidator, Bombay as the Official Liquidator in the Hariprasad Bhagirath, Ltd. (in liquidation) Messrs Bennett and Co., will on Friday, the 25th February, 1938 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at Godown No 106, Cavel Street and opposite the Lane at Dadiseth Agiary:—

A very big lot of Sanskrit and Hindi religious books, "Vaidic" books and other miscellaneous books, printed book sheets, etc., also furniture such as cupboards, safe, stands, steel cupboard, clock, also printing and binding machinery, etc., etc., in one lot or separate lots.

The above will be on view two days before the sale. A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

BENNETT & CO.


TO-DAY
AT
EROS
INDIA'S BEST THEATRE
"THE AWFUL TRUTH"
A COLUMBIA MASTERPIECE!
IT'S A SPREEFUL OF GLEEFUL HYSTERICS!

Please NOTE the CHANGE in TIMING:
WEEK DAYS: 6-30 & 10 P.M.
Sat. Sundays: 3, 6 & 10 p. m.
Re: 1|2 seats will be booked in advance for Saturday and Sunday performances only.
9 Annas Seats will also be available.

"DHARMAVEER"
(MARATHI)
Starring:—
VINAYAK
AND
RATNAPRABHA
Daily: 5, 7-45 & 10-30 p.m.
Sat., Sun. & Holidays: 2-15 p.m.
PLAZA TALKIES DADAR.


## Auction Sales

**VORA & CO.**

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at Hughes Road, Opp. Messrs. Hyland Co., of complete Bungalow furniture, H.M.V. gramophone, Singer machine, Kelvinator, Godrej safe, Corona portable typewriter, Zunda cabinet, Royal typewriter, Zula sofa cabinet, Grandfather hall clock, Wrist watches, Hand harmonium, 48 inches double door safe, Sliding dining table and chairs, etc

**SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.**

SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY known as Jiwan Bhuvan, at Hathi Baug, Love Lane, Mazagaon, on Friday, the 25th February, 1938, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the premises by order of Messrs. Vachha and Co., Attorneys for Messrs. Lakhaji Dolaji and Co., the Mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of the estate of Jusab Haji Umar, deceased.

Government leasehold land admeasuring about 779 sq. yds. together with a dwelling house thereon, situate at Love Lane, Mazagaon, bearing new Survey No. 12/3693, Cadastral Survey No. 359 of Mazagaon Division and Municipal 'E' Ward No. 6217 (5) and street No. 53D.

Full particulars and conditions of sale from the undersigned or from the above mentioned attorneys, Yusuff Building, Church Gate Street.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO

## AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Great excitement prevailed yesterday evening at the Madhavji Dharamsi Mill at Foras Road when the workers of the Weaving Department are stated to have mobbed and assaulted Mr. DeSilva, the new weaving master of the Mill, while he was distributing wages.

It is alleged that the wages paid to them were less than what they used to receive. They had an argument with the Weaving Master over the question of wages.

The workers surrounded him and, it is alleged, a few of them assaulted him. He ran out of the department.

The police appeared on the scene and arrested four workers of the Department on charges of rioting and criminal intimidation. They were then marched off to the police station.

As a protest against the arrest of their comrades, the other workers of the weaving department struck work for the day.

All the arrested workers were remanded into police custody till the 25th instant at the Mazagaon Court to-day.

Fourteen persons were arrested in the city on Thursday in connection with sutta and card gambling.

Sub-Inspector W. S. Rane of the Princess Street police station raided an alleged gambling den on the second floor of a house at Dhoka Gully, off Kalbadevi Road on Thursday afternoon.

The rooms, it is stated, stood in the name of Devidatta Nagarmal, who was not present at the time, but his brother Basdev Nagarmal who is stated to be the conductor of the den was present, and it is alleged that gaming was going on in full swing.

Basdev Nagarmal and eight others who were present there were arrested. Packs of playing cards and marked coins are also alleged to have been seized.

The names of the other arrested persons are: Gauridatta Bisesarlal, Panalal Bhuramal, Jagdishprasad Harkison Ruya, Mamraj Nagarmal, Hariram Tribhowandas Vaidya, Gauridatta Bisesaradatta Saraf, Baijnath Sadiram and Devidas Dhunraj.

TIN SHED RAIDED.

The Anti-Gambling Squad raided a tin-shed in Davar's compound at Tardeo Road on Thursday night, and arrested Wasudev Gangaram and Mohamed Ismail.

Sutta chits and marked coins are alleged to have been seized in the course of the raid.

Walki Mohamed Mira, Abu Bakar Hasan and Ayub Gani Ahamed were arrested at Dadi building in Musjid Bunder Road as they were alleged to have been accepting sutta bets.

All the arrested persons were put up before the Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum, and were ordered to be released on bail.

## BUDGET SESSION OF C. P. ASSEMBLY

NAGPUR, Feb. 17.

The Budget Session of the C.P. Assembly will commence on March 2, and continue for more than a fortnight. The Governor will deliver a farewell address on the opening day. Ten days are allotted to legislative business.

The Premier's resolution relating to Federation and Titles will come up for discussion in the House on March 22 and 24.

The Revenue Minister, Mr. P. B. Gole, will introduce a bill to levy tax on retail sales of motor spirit and lubricants at the rate of 5 per cent on the value of such sales, the tax being recoverable as arrears of land revenue. The bill also provides for the registration of retail dealers.—A.P.

A resolution recommending to Government to encourage the growing of cotton, and spinning and weaving of "khaddar" and to buy all their cloth requirements, as far as possible, in locally made "khaddar" was adopted by the Travancore Construction Committee

## TO-DAY ON RADIO

### Bombay I & II Programmes

VUB 244 metres, 1,231 kc/s.
Also 49.3 metres, 6,085 kc/s. for Transmission 1 & 11 and 90.8 metres, 3,605 kc/s. for Transmission 111.

A. M.

7-30 AIR Orchestra: Bangal Bhairav 7-40 a. m. Air Artist: 7-50 a. m. Ghazal Vyas Brothers Instrumental Duets, 7-57 a.m. Avadabai Sangekar, 8-30 a.m. Instrumental Trio, 8-45 a.m. R Ramnathkar: Khayal Ramkali, 11-30 am. Vichitra Been, Habib Khan A. K. of Patiala, 11-45 a m Instrumental Duets, 12-0 noon Tunes on Tarangs, 12-15 p.m. Oriental Melodies, 12-30 p.m Qawwals and Qawwalis, 12-45 p.m. Thumris and Bhajans, 1-0 p.m. Market Rates, Announcements 1-5 p.m. Casani Club Orchestra, 1-19 p.m. Reginald Dixon: Cinema Organ, 1-26 p.m. Joe Peterson, 1-33 p.m. Charlie Kunz: Piano, 1-40 p.m. Street Barrel Organ and Accordion, 1-47 p.m. Hawaiian Guitar and Wurlitzar Organ., 1-54 p.m. Commodore Grand Orchestra 5-0 p.m. Congress Haripura Session commentary by G. R. Genge Relayed from Haripura 5-30 p.m. Air Orchestra Gujarati garba dum 5-40 p.m. Air Chorus, 5-45 p.m. Air Artist Vocal Music, 6-0 p.m. Jaafer and Mustana Sitar duets, 6-10 p.m. Mustata Durani, 6-30 p.m To Bhumijan, 7-30 p.m. Emancipation of Indian Labourer A talk in Gujarati by Kanji Dwarkadas, 7-45 p.m. Sardar Mansur Ghazal and Geets 8-10 p.m Shamsuddin, 8-15 p.m. Avadabai Sangekar, 8-30 p.m. Commercial News, 8-45 p.m. Bahar on the Sarangi, 8-50 p.m Pardeshi Preetam: A Duet, 9-0 p.m. News (Hindustani), 9-15 p.m. Sardar Mansur Film Songs 9-30 p.m. News 9-45 p.m. capital punishment A debate by F. R. Moraes, 10-0 p.m. Era D'alba, 10-20 p.m. Mezzo Sopriano operatic star ,, 10-30 p.m. Olga Athaide: Piano.

### Calcutta Programme

VUC 370.4 m., 810 kc|s and 49.1m 6,109 kc|s. (Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time)

12-36 p.m. They're Off!, 1-30 p.m. Recorded Programme, 2-0 p.m. the Indian voyage A talk in Bengali, 2-21 p.m. Midday Melodies, 5-6 p.m. For Countryside, 5-36 p.m. Bibhuti Dutt, 5-51 p.m. Chittaranjan Roy 6-6 p.m. Bijanbala Ghose Dastidar Kheyal, 6-21 p.m. Purna Ch. Chakraborty, 6-36 p.m. Shailendra Banerjee, 6-51 p.m. Binapani Mukherjee, 7-6 p.m. Spirit of evening expresed in music by Anil Kumar Das, 7-51 p.m. Through Mesopotamia and Syria, 8-6 p.m. News, Weather (Bengali) 8-21 p.m. Bushmadeb Chatterjee 8-41 p.m. Angurbala, 9-1 p.m Comercial News, Weather, 9-6 p.m. News, 9-21 p.m. From the Artist's Point of View by Stella Brown, 9-36 p.m. Francisco Casanova and his Orchestra.

### Delhi I Programme

VUD 340 metres, 886 kc/s.

A. M.

8-0 Bibhas on the Violin. 8-10 Benazirbai of Jaipur. 8-40 Asad Ali Khan. 9-10 News in English. 9-20 In Hindustani 9-30 Rafique Husain. 9-50 Rashida Begam of Lahore. 10-10 Usman Khan.

P. M.

12-30 Favourites of To-day. 1-30 A Dance Programme. 5-0 Haripura Congress Session commentary by G. R. Genge Relayed from Bombay. 5-30 Asad Ali Khan 5-50 Maru Behag 6-0 Benazirbai. 6-30 For Villagers Only Market rates at 7 p.m. News, Weather, F 7-30 Cocktail-Time. 8-0 Women in Services A talk by Sir Yaqub 8-15 Mushira 9-15 News, Weather in Hindustani 9-30 In English. 9-45 Benazirbai. 10-0 Young Minds for Old talk by M. S. Sundaram. 10-15 'Tufan-i-Hayat' play in Hindustani. 10-45 Rashida Begam. 10-55 News. 11-0 Haripura Congress Session A resume of the proceedings by M. S. M. Sharma Relayed from Bombay.

### Delhi II Programme

TRANSMISSION I
31.3 metres, 9,565 kc/s.
Programmes as in Delhi 1.
TRANSMISSION II.
31.3 metres, 9.565 kc/s.
Programmes as in Delhi 1.
TRANSMISSION III
85 metres, 3,495 kc/s.

P. M.

5-0 Rashida Begam. 5-30 to 6-30 Programmes as in Delhi 1. 6-30 Kis Ke Karan Vyakul Man Hai A duet between Ratan Piya and Manohar 6-40 Asad Ali Khan. 7-5 Indu Bhushan Deb Darbari on flute solo. 7-10 Ratan Piya 7-20 Desh on the Sarod. 7-30 Story for Children Khwaja Abdul Majeed. 7-40 Usman Khan 8-0 to 8-15 Programmes as in Delhi 1. 8-15 Benazirbai of Jaipur. 8-30 Roshan Lal 8-35 Rashida Begam of Lahore 8-55 Usman Khan. 9-15 to 9-45 Programmes as in Delhi 1. 9-45 A Short Song Session. 10-0 to 10-15 Programmes as in Delhi 1. 10-15 Pianoforte Recital By Elizabeth Gauba 10-45 Toti del Monte. 10-55 News.

### Peshawar Programme

VUP 200 metres, 1,500 kc|s.

8-0 a.m. Nat. 8-10 a.m. Zohra Khatoon, 8-25 a.m. Khyber Orchestra, 8-30 a.m. Anwar Begam, 8-45 a.m Dulari, 5-30 p.m. Khyber Orchestra, 5-35 p.m. Dulari, 5-50 p.m. Mohd. Shafi, 5-10 p.m. Zohra Khatoon, 6-30 p.m Khabare Atare, 7-30 p.m. Anwar Begam, 7-45 p.m. Jalil A talk in Hindustani, 8-0 p.m. Dulari, 8-20 p.m. Khyber Orchestra, 8-25 pm. Zohra Khatoon, 8-45 p.m. Mohd. Shafi, 9-0 p.m. Anwar Begam: 9-15 p.m. News, Weather in Hindustani, 9-30 p.m. in English, 9-45 pm. Cobra Dance on the Sitar, 10-0 p.m Dulari, 10-15 p.m. 'Ummid ki Jhalak.

### Lahore Programme

VUL 276 metres. 1,086 kc|s

6-0 p.m. Channu Khan, 6-30 p.m. For Countryside, 7-0 p.m. Half an Hour with Masters, 7-30 p.m Tamancha Jan, 8-0 p.m. Sardar Bahadur Singh, 8-5 p.m. Mohammad Hussain, 8-15 p.m Courts of Harsh and Vikramaditya and Days of Khumbha Fair Talk in Hindustani 8-30 p.m. Channu Khan, 8-55 p.m. Tamancha Jan, 9-15 p.m. News Weather in Hindustani, 9-30 p.m. In English, 9-45 p.m. Students' Organisations, a debate, 10-0 p.m. Khamaj, 10-10 p.m. Channu Khan, 10-40 p.m. Tamancha Jan.

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*Tea Control Bill*

# Why This Protection For Planters In India?

## *JOSHI OPPOSES GOVT. BILL BUT DOW CARRIES DAY*

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

In the Assembly to-day, Sir, N. N. Sircar, Leader of the House announced that the Stamp Duties Unification Bill, which was on the agenda, would not be taken up to-day, and that the Government proposed that the Tea Control Bill, as it emerged from the Select Committee, should only be taken for consideration to-day, and discussion of the clauses be left for another day.

The House agreed to the proposal.

Mr. H. Dow thereupon moved that the Tea Control Bill, as reported on by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration. He dealt with the changes made by the Select Committee and said that the Government had no objection in principle to the suggestion that members of the Tea Licensing Committee be elected and not nominated. The other proposal accepted by the Select Committee, namely that the Tea Licensing Committee should have an official chairman nominated by the Central Committee, was, according to Mr. Dow, better, cheaper and more efficient than setting up the Appeal Board proposed by some of the amendments received.

Mr. B. D. Pande pleaded for the representation on the Tea Licensing Committee of Kangra Valley tea interests, which, he claimed, represented half the aggregate number of planters in India. He also advocated adequate representation of labour, and strongly supported the proposal for an Appeal Board.

JOSHI'S OPPOSITION.

Mr. N. M. Joshi opposed Mr. Dow's motion. He said that the Bill sought to give a sort of protection to tea planters in India, and he wanted to know why the usual enquiry into the financial conditions of the industry, which usually preceded a grant of protection, had not been made, and why all interests including those of consumers and labour had not been consulted.

Mr. Joshi strongly urged the representation of Labour as well as the consumers on the Licensing Committee.

Mr. B. N Chaudhury supported the restriction of cultivation and argued that it would be disastrous to extend the present area. He endorsed the demand for adequate representation of small growers on the Licensing Committee and the establishment of an appeal board.

Mr. Dow replying pointed out that the Tea industry was in extremely bad way and without restriction, the scheme and industry and labour interests were likely to suffer greatly.

Referring to the demand for Labour representation on the Licensing Committee, he wondered what interest Labour representatives could put forward in the Committee primarily meant for allocation of export quota.

As regards representation of tea drinkers' interests, he said that supposing they had an opium restriction scheme how would they like it, if opium addicts demanded representation on the committee set up to carry out that scheme (laughter). He again commended the Government's proposal for the appointment of an official chairman and refuted the suggestion that Government had any ulterior motive in making that proposal. He reminded the House that it was not right to hold that because it was a gift horse. It must be regarded with suspicion for, as a famous essayist had declared "nothing makes man suspect much more than to know little."

The House carried the motion and adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

# *Selections For To-day's Races*

## Fastnet Fancied For Wadia Gold Cup: Big Field For Rajpipla Gold Cup Race

(By "SENEX.")

**Fastnet should win the C. N. Wadia Gold Cup. The Viceroy's Cup winner is as fit as human hands can make him.**

**1-45 p.m. THE ALI BIN TALIB MEMORIAL PLATE. Div. II.—6 Furlongs.**

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| GREAT STAR | 1 |
| SADRAN MANFI | 2 |
| GOLDEN SCEPTRE | 3 |

**2-15 p.m. THE ALI BIN TALIB MEMORIAL PLATE. Div. I.—6 Furlongs.**

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| BAHAR NEEL | 1 |
| MUJBIL HATIM | 2 |
| IRAQ BAHADUR | 3 |

**2-45 p.m. THE HEATH MEMORIAL PLATE.—7 Furlongs.**

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| ROSE MARIE | 1 |
| VANDYKE | 2 |
| TIPPU SULTAN | 3 |

**3-15 p.m. THE CUMBERMERE PLATE. Div. II.—6 Furlongs.**

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| HOW'S THAT | 1 |
| LUCULLUS | 2 |
| LORD CLARION | 3 |

**3-45 p.m. THE RANDWICK PLATE —Dist. about 1 1/2 Miles.**

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| GAY BACHELOR | 1 |
| SAXON PRINCE | 2 |
| BIRTHDAY BOOK | 3 |

**4-15 p.m. THE SIR COWASJEE JEHANGIR PLATE.—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.**

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| POPPY DAY | 1 |
| NASSIRWAN | 2 |
| AL HAZAR | 3 |

**4-45 p.m. THE C. N. WADIA GOLD CUP.—About 1 1/2 miles.**

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| FASTNET | 1 |
| FINALIST | 2 |
| MISTRAL | 3 |

**5-15 p.m. THE COLABA CUP.—1 Mile.**

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| MY BILLY | 1 |
| SWIFT REYNARD | 2 |
| TICANTO | 3 |

**5-45 p.m. THE RAJPIPLA GOLD CUP.—1 Mile.**

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| DESERT NIGHT | 1 |
| GIPSY JACK | 2 |
| ZUYDER ZEE | 3 |

**6-15 p.m. THE CUMBERMERE PLATE. Div. I.—6 Furlongs.**

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| ERELAN | 1 |
| FRED STEPHENS | 2 |
| TOLTEC | 3 |

**Double:—**
ROSE MARIE and POPPY DAY

**Treble:—**
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*Presidency Tennis*

# Davis Cup Pair Beaten In Doubles

## *UNLUCKY DAY FOR JIMMY MEHTA*

There were surprises in the Bombay Presidency Hard Court Tennis Championships on Friday afternoon when a strong gale, which is quite usual at the Kennedy Sea Face, coupled with swirling dust seemed to trouble some players while others, who adopted themselves to it acquitted well.

MEHTAS' UNLUCKY DAY.

There was ill-luck in store for Jimmy Mehta, the selected Davis Cup player, who was beaten by H. L. Marshall in a three-set match in the Singles and lost in the Doubles, also, where he partnered another Davis Cup player L. Brooke-Edwards and B. T. Blake and H. L. Marshall got the better of them in straight sets. Marshall attracted attention on Friday, a feature of his display being his consistency in form. The Delhi Champion's service and volleying was outstanding while his partner Blake was daring as usual. B. T. Blake and H. L. Marshall thus qualified to figure in the Men's Doubles final, where they meet the winners of J. E. Tew and G. L. Mytton and E. V. Bobb and J. Charanjiva to-day. The latter pairs were one set all on Friday and would play their final set to-day.

Y. R. Savur, who is playing below his last year's form, was lucky to beat J. Charanjiva in the Singles, where the latter was playing better tennis but his stamina failed him in the third set.

Miss L. Woodbridge and Mrs. Footit beat Miss P. de Lima and Mrs. R. Genge in straight sets in the second semi-final and qualified to meet Miss Dubash and Mrs. Edney in the Ladies' Doubles final to-day.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

The following are the complete results of the matches played on Friday:—

Mrs. Edney & B. T. Blake beat Miss M. Dubash & S. Narayanrao, 8—6, 6—2.

Y. R. Savur beat J. Charanjiva, 2—6, 6—4, 7—5.

H. L. Marshall beat Jimmy Mehta, 6—3, 4—6, 7—5.

Mrs. Radcliffe-Genge & N. Rama Rau beat Mrs. W. A. Bell & G. L. Mytton, 6—3, 7—5.

B. T. Blake & H. L. Marshall beat L. Brooke-Edwards & Jimmy Mehta 6—4, 6—3.

B. T. Blake beat D. G. Pawar, 6—0, 6—2.

Miss L. Woodbridge & H. L. Marshall beat Miss Leela Row & Y. R. Savur, 9—7, 6—8, 6—3.

Miss L. Woodbridge & Mrs. Footit beat Miss P. de Lima & Mrs. Radcliffe-Genge, 6—2, 6—4.

J. E. Tew & G. L. Mytton vs. E. Bobb & J. Charanjiva, 10—8, 7—9 (to be continued).

Mrs. J. E. Tew vs. Miss M. P. Dubash, 6—2, 4—6, (to be continued)

### *To-day's Matches*

TENNIS COURT NO. 1, AT 8-30 A.M. (S. T.).

Miss L. Woodbridge & H. L. Marshall vs. Miss S. Mehta & E. Padamji.

EVENING.

TENNIS COURT NO. 1, AT 3-30 P.M. (S. T.).

Men's Singles Semi-Final:—

Y. R. Savur vs. B. T. Blake, followed by

Mix Doubles Semi-Final:—

Mrs. Edney & B. T. Blake vs. Winners of Miss L. Woodbridge & H. L. Marshall.

Mrs. Edney & B. T. Blake vs. Winners of Miss S. Mehta & E. Padamji.

Men's Doubles Final:—

B. T. Blake & H. L. Marshall vs. Winners of J. E. Tew & G. L. Mytton.

B. T. Blake & H. L. Marshall vs. Winners of E. V. Bobb & J. Charanjiva.

TENNIS COURT NO. 2, AT 3-30 P.M. (S. T.).

Men's Singles Semi-Final:—

E. V. Bobb vs. H. L. Marshall, followed by

Mixed Doubles Semi-Final:—

Mrs. Footit & Jimmy Mehta vs. Mrs. Radcliffe-Genge & N. Rama Rau, followed by

Ladies' Doubles Final:—

Miss M. Dubash & Mrs. Edney vs. Miss L. Woodbridge & Mrs. Footit.

TENNIS COURT NO. 3, AT 3-45 P.M. (S. T.).

Ladies' Singles Semi-Final:—

Miss Leela Row vs. Miss L. Woodbridge.

TENNIS COURT NO. 4, AT 3-45 P.M. (S. T.).

Ladies' Single Semi-Final:—

Miss M. Dubash vs. Mrs. J. E. Tew (to be continued), followed by

J. E. Tew & G. L. Mytton vs. J. Charanjiva & E. V. Bobb (to be continued).

# WESTERN INDIA TENNIS

## Results Of Friday's Matches

The following are the results of the matches played in the Western India Tennis Championship at the Queen's Road Courts on Friday afternoon:

Miss L. Row beat Miss A. Mehta (6-0) (6-0).

M. Rama Rao beat J. M. Lee (6-4) (6-2).

D. Stilliard and R. C. Summerhayes beat H. N. Contractor and M. D. Petit (4-6) (7-5) (6-1).

H. R. Shellenberger beat Hiralal Parekh (10-8) (retired).

A. G. Gupte beat R. A. M. Henson (6-3) (6-3).

J. M. Lee and Major Thurling-Blackwell beat T. W. Brough and P. Kolim (6-1) (6-1).

Mrs. Edney beat Miss T. Dias (6-2) (6-1).

M. Bhandari beat M. I. Laljee (6-1) (6-0).

F. F. Vakharia beat N. R. Suvarna (6-4) (8-6).

N. R. Suvarna and N. S. Talwar w.o. B. C Shah and partner.

A. G. Gupte beat Ranvir Singh (Bombay) (7-5) (6-2).

R. K. De beat V. Stewart-Jacks (7-5) (6-2).

Mrs. Footit beat Miss S. Mehta (6-4) (6-2).

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Queens Road Courts:

Centre Court, 3 45 p.m.—M. N. Desai vs. J. Charanjiva followed by 4-15 p.m. D. Stilliard vs. O. Sutton followed by 5 p.m. M. Bhandari and M. Rama Rao vs. R. W. Cawdeary and O. Sutton.

No. 1 Court, 3-45 p. m.—R. W. Cawdeary vs. N. U. N. A. Ramarao

No. 4 Court: 3-45 p.m.—Mr. Ramrao vs. F. F. Vakharia.

POSSIBLE MATCH

No. 6 Court 4 p.m.—J. E. Tew vs. M. Take.


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Parsi: Sherever 18, 1307
Hightide: 2-35; 15-13
Lowtide: 8-48; 20-15
Sunrise: 7h. 5m.
Sunset: 6h. 40m.

AIR SERVICES TO KATHIAWAR.

Their schedule plane came on Friday morning at 11-30 from Kathiawar.

NATIONAL GUARDS

A batch of seven volunteers from the Bombay National Guards left for Haripura on Friday night under Captain K. N. Gaitonde.

NEW SARASWAT UNION

The Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the members of the Union will be held in the Union's Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.).

BOMBAY MATHEMATIC COLLOQUIUM

Professor Bhate's lecture on "Designing of Radio Receiving Sets", originally fixed for the 19th instant is now postponed to the 26th instant.

"KURNIC SOCIETY."

Under the auspices of the "Kurnic Society" a public lecture will be delivered to-day on Kuran and its teaching in the premises of Anjuman-e-Islam High School, near Boribunder Station. from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. (S.T.)

SRI RAMKRISHNA ASHRAM

Swami Gunateetananda of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar will give a discourse on Dnynehwari at Dhuru Hall, Dadar to-morrow (Sunday), at 9 a.m.

BAND AT KING'S CIRCLE GARDENS

By permission of the Officers Commanding and Officers the Band of the 1st Bn. G.I.P. Railway Regiment A.F. (I) will play a programme of music at the King's Circle Gardens to-morrow (Sunday), commencing at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.)

MULTANI SHIKARPURI SHROFF ASSN.

The Multani Shikarpuri Shroff Association will keep their business closed on Saturday the 19th and Monday the 21st February 1938 owing to the Haripura Congress Session.

UNVEILING OF MR. KHAREGHAT'S BUST

The ceremony of unveiling the bust of Mr. M. P. Khareghat, will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Hughes Road, Estate of the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayat Funds, 5-30 p.m. Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Bart will preside.

BLAVATSKY LODGE

Under the auspices of the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Prof. B. P. Hivale will conduct Psychology Class in English at the Theosophical Society, Blavatsky Lodge Besant Hall, French Bridge, Chowpatty, to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.)

KANNADA SANGHA

Under the auspices of the Bombay Kannada Sangha, Nyaya Vedanta Vidwan, Gopalakrishnacharya, Ramacharya Mahahuli, Esq., M.A., will deliver a lecture in Kanarese on, "The Mysticism in Kannada Literature", to-day (Saturday), at 9 p.m. at the Sangha's premises.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE

The Indian Music Circle will hold their monthly concert at Laxmi Baug, New Bhatwadi, Girgaum, Bombay, to-night (Saturday), at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) when Master Dinanath Mangeshkar will entertain the members with Vocal Music.

TIVIMNENSES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the members of the Tivimnenses Co-operative Credit Society Limited, will be held at the registered office of the Society, Atmaram Building, Dabul, at 11 a.m. on Sunday 6th March 1938.

PRESIDENT SUBHAS TO SPEAK ON IRISH REVOLUTION

Under the auspices of the Bombay Congress Socialist Party, President Subash Bose will deliver a lecture on "De Valera and the strategy of Irish Revolution" at Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Friday the 25th inst. at 6-30 p.m.

Entrance by tickets of Rs. 5, 3, 2, and 1.

BASIC ENGLISH LECTURE

Under the auspices of the Young Theosophists' Adult Education Classes, Mr. A. Myers of the "Times of India" will deliver a public lecture on Basic English in the premises of the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge Building, French Bridge, Chowpatty, Bombay 7, on Tuesday the 22nd inst. at 6-30 p.m. Principal S. U. Shukla M.A. (Cantab) will preside.

TENANTS' MEETING

Under the auspices of the "F" Ward Committee of the Bombay Tenants' Association, a public meeting of the tenants will be held at 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday), in the Hall of "The Kamgar Special English Classes" premises in the New Haji Kassum Building at Currey Road, at which the President of the Association, Mr. S. C. Joshi, M.L.C., is expected to preside. Messrs. S. D. Joglekar (LL.B.), R. S. Prabhu (Advocate), A. V. Naik, (Dr. M.B.B.S.), Mahadev Khem Palav, R. T. Masurker, S. L. Waradker, Golatkar, B. A. Dhuri and S. N. Gokhale (B.A., S.T.C.) are expected to speak on the occasion in support of Mr. Joshi's proposed Rent Bill, and on its urgency and necessity. After the meeting, grievances of the tenants, if there be any, will be noted down for suitable action to be taken thereon later on.

## AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EROS—"The Awful Truth" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 3, 6 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Over She Goes" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"A Damsel in Distress" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Vidyapati" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"The Go Getter" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Chandrarao More" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
PATHE—"Gentleman Daku" Daily at 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WELLINGTON—"London by Night" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WEST-END—"Nightingale" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Jeevan Prabhat" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"The Unexpected" Daily at 5, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Watan" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Kissan Kanya" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Escadrille" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Dharmaveer" Daily at 5, 7-45 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Nand-Kumar" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.

BAND AT JOSEPH BAPTISTA GARDEN

The Band of 3rd Bn. 5th Mahratta Light Infantry will play a programme of Music at the Joseph Baptista Garden to-day (Saturday), commencing at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.).

BOMBAY YARN EXCHANGE

Trading on the Exchange will be closed to-day (Saturday), and Monday the 21st inst. on account of the Haripura Congress Sessions, and on Thursday the 24th inst., being the Congress President's Arrival Day in Bombay.

SOUTH INDIANS' WELFARE SOCIETY

The Third Annual Sports for School children in Bombay will be held in Shivaji Park, Dadar (Bombay), on Monday the 28th February 1938 commencing at 3 p.m. A Special Sports Committee has been formed with Mr. N. N. Aiyar as Chairman and Mr. N. V. Sarma as Secretary. The detailed programme will be published next week The Mayor of Bombay will preside.

TRAVANCORE UNION

Under the auspices of the Travancore Union, Bombay, a condolence meeting of Keralites in the city will be held on Sunday next, to mourn the death of Sahityapanchananan P. K. Narayan Pillai, retired High Court Judge of Travancore, on the terrace of Narayan Vihar (Plot No. 167), Poona Wadi, Dadar.

SAKHSRATA PRASARAK MANDAL

Scouter K. D. Paithanker, the President of the Sakhsrata Prasarak Mandal, writes:—

Under the auspices of the above Mandal a Special meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at about 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the opposite Maidan of the N. S. Vidyalay, Takia-Ward Kurla to consider the affairs of the above Vidyalay when Mr. S. Ahmed Kadri the Chairman School Committee, Kurla will preside over the meeting.

TANDRA DEVI JOINS CONGRESS

Sm. Tandra Devi, the well-known arts and crafts revivalist, has just joined the Congress.

"I am not a political worker", she writes, "but I do not regard the National Congress as a political party. It is time we Europeans openly identified ourselves with India's national aspirations. I believe in the non-violent method of the Congress, and regard this as necessary to the welfare of all countries, not India alone, my adopted country."

"MEETHA ZAHAR" SCORES TRIUMPH AT HYDERABAD (DECCAN)

A Hyderabad correspondent writes:—"Never before in the history of Hyderabad (Deccan) there was such a great rush of the enthusiastic film fans as witnessed at the Central Talkies, on Thursday last at the premiere release of Minerva's film "Meetha Zahar", a timely social that deals with the drink evils. "Meetha Zahar" was unanimously acclaimed as an excellent film of its kind that has so far graced the silver screen."

POSTAL NOTICE

The Imperial Airways East-Bound plane due to arrive Karachi on Thursday the 17-2-1938 has been delayed for 24 hours, consequently the London-India mails which were due to arrive Bombay on Friday the 18-2-1938 will be received here and issued out for delivery at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday the 19-2-1938 in the ordinary course.

The latest hour of posting air mail correspondence for Hyderabad Deccan and Madras will be as follows:—

Unregistered correspondence 11-30 hrs. on 19-2-1938.

Registered correspondence 11-0 hrs. on 19-2-1938.

The Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office, Rawalpindi informs that telegraphic communication with Kashmir line is restored and traffic to and from Kashmir is now normal.

## Flag Salute

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 17.

The flag salutation ceremony will take place at Zanda Chowk at 8-30 on the morning of February 19.—United Press Special.

# SUBHAS' VISIT TO BOMBAY

## B. P. C. C. Arrangements For Reception

The General Secretary, B.P.C.C. writes:—

B.P.C.C. programme for the reception of Babu Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the Indian National Congress, is fast awaiting completion. Those of the associations who have expressed their desire to join the reception will be duly intimated of the timing allotted. Those of them who desire to garland the President and present addresses are requested to do so immediately to avoid disappointment.

As announced before the President will arrive in Bombay on Thursday, the 24th Feb. at Dadar Station (B.B. & C.I.) by Kathiawar Mail and will be then taken by a special train to Victoria Terminus arriving at 8 a.m. (S.T.) At the station the President will be received by the officials of the Congress representatives of the public and commercial associations and other prominent citizens and will be taken in a procession to the Congress House by the following route:—

Victoria Terminus (Hornby Road entrance), Hornby Road, Crawford Market, Juma Masjid, Mulji Jetha Market, Bullion Exchange, Zaveri Bazar, Marwari Bazar, Bhuleshwar Bomba Khana, Ful Galli, Bhuleshwar Kumbhar Tukda, C. P. Tank, Vithalbhai Patel Road and Congress House.

Bombay has always risen to the occasion and the B.P.C.C. is confident that the citizens of Bombay will accord its heart-felt reception to the President of the Congress and his first official visit to the City.

## *Madhav Bhuvan's Tenants' Meeting*

Under the auspices of the 'G' Ward Tenants' League a meeting of the Tenants of the Madhav Bhuvan, DeLisle Road, and other buildings nearby was held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday in the compound of Madhav Bhuvan to consider particularly the question of Landlord's notice to increase the rent and other grievances of the tenants.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

This meeting of the Tenants of Madhav Bhuvan strongly protests and notes with apprehension the attitude of the Landlord towards the tenants by giving the notice to increase the rents and further requests the Landlord to withdraw the notices issued.

It was decided at the meeting to form a committee of 13 influential tenants to find out ways and means to combat the objectionable tactics of the Landlord.

# TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

The seventh annual report of the Bandra Indo-Portuguese Institute just out, shows the rapid progress this institution is making, both in social and educational activities amongst the Portuguese community. During the year the institution admitted 29 new members on its roll. The year thus closed with 87 men, 11 ladies and 3 student members, showing an increase as against 76 men, 9 ladies and 1 student members of last year.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The sixteenth anniversary, was celebrated on February 7, 1937 by a Solemn High Mass and a social gathering on the same evening. On April 4, 1937 a tea party followed by a whist-drive was also held. The institute on September 12, 1937. held a dance open to the public which proved a huge success and realised a net profit of Rs 249-4-1. Besides this a Bandra Feast Hamper yielded a net profit of Rs. 52|2|-.

LITERARY ACTIVITIES.

The Institute held two public debates during the year, both of them proved very instructive and interesting and drew full halls. The Managing Committee feeling there was great scope to train ladies for public work a ladies auxiliary committee was started which though in its infant stage rendered material assistance to the Managing Committee in their endeavours for donation towards the Institutes proposed building fund.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To-morrow at 9 a.m. the Institute is to offer their annual thanksgiving mass at Mount Carmel's Church, Bandra, followed by a general meeting in the adjoining school hall. On the same evening at 6 p.m. they are holding their annual social gathering at the Parsi Social Club, Perry Road, Bandra. This is open to members and their friends.

VILLAGE WELLS.

From the remoter parts of the suburbs comes the cry of insufficient water supply. In the hot season, some time in April, these villages experience a drought accompanied by the drying-up of wells. This complaint is common and it will be recalled that the Governor was able to sanction a sum of ten lakhs for the construction of village wells last year.

Chinchavly, a village near Malad, is a small village having a population of about 500 people. This village has not a single public well and the water at present used by the people is drawn from private wells, whose landlords once they find the depth decreasing stop the villagers. and then they are put to great hardships.

## AIR MAIL TIMINGS

LONDON-BOMBAY (JUHU)

| | Arrival | Delivery |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 1 p.m. | 3-30 p.m. |
| Friday | 1 p.m | 3-30 p.m |

BOMBAY (JUHU)—LONDON

| | Latest hour of posting at G.P.O. | Departure |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 8-30 a.m. | 10-15 a.m. |
| Friday | 8-30 a.m. | 10-15 p.m |

DELHI-BOMBAY (JUHU)

| | Arrival | Delivery |
|---|---|---|
| Monday | 1-55 p.m. | 3-30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 1-55 p.m. | 3-30 p.m |

BOMBAY (JUHU)—DELHI

| | Latest hour of posting at G.P.O. |
|---|---|
| Tuesday | 8-0 p.m. |
| Thursday | 8-0 p.m. |

TRIVANDRUM—BOMBAY (JUHU)

| | Delivery |
|---|---|
| Tuesday | 6-0 p.m. |

BOMBAY (JUHU)—TRIVANDRUM

| | Latest hour of posting at G.P.O |
|---|---|
| Wednesday | 8-0 p.m. |

BOMBAY (JUHU)—KATHIAWAR

| | Departure H.M. | Arrival H.M. |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday | 7-15 | 11-35 |
| Thursday | 7-15 | 11-35 |
| Saturday | 7-15 | 11-35 |

BOMBAY (JUHU)—KATHIAWAR

| | Arrival. H.M. |
|---|---|
| Monday | 11-35 |
| Wednesday | 11-35 |
| Friday | 11-35 |

## IN AID OF KAMALA NEHRU HOSPITAL FUND

### Subhas Babu To Preside Over Show Of "Jeevan Prabhat"

A charity show of Bombay Talkies' popular picture "Jeevan Prabhat," starring Devika Rani, will be held on Sunday 27th March 1938 at 10 a.m. at the Roxy Talkies, New Queen's Road. Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, the Congress President, will preside on this occassion. All the proceeds of the show will go towards the fund for the Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital. Tickets at 0-9-0; 1-2-0; 2-4-0; and 3-6-0 can be had from (1) Roxy Cinema. (2) Bombay Talkies' Office, Readymoney Mansion, Churchgate Street during Office hours. Rs. 2-4-0 and 3-6-0 seats can be reserved.


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FAREWEL PARTY TO PRINCIPAL GOKHALE

A farewel party was given to Principal V. G. Gokhale, I.A.S., of Agricultural College, Poona, by the students in the College Premises. Students made speeches giving a sketch of the past career of the Principal, his lations with the students, and wished him a success in the rural uplift work that he is going to undertake.

DAVAR'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

Annual Athletic Sports of the Davar's College of Commerce will be held at the Cooperage from 3 to 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday), when all past and present students and their parents, friends and family members are cordially invited to witness the Sports. The Cumbatta Champion, and Nasikwalla Championship Challenge Cups and Mrs. Sodawalla and Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Challenge Cups as well as Dinshaw Panthakey Challenge Cup will be put up for competition as in past years. There is one open event, 440 yards Flat Race, open to bona fire students of all Colleges.

HAJI SABOO SIDDIK INSTITUTION

The annual sports of the Institution will be held to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m. (S.T.), at the Y.M.C.A. Ground, Club Road, Byculla.

The Annual Gathering and prize distribution will be held on the 20th February, 1938, at 5-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the site of the Institution, Shepherd Road, Byculla, Bombay. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. A. Somjee will preside and Mrs. Somjee will distribute the prize.

B. P. NAVJAWAN CONFERENCE

The Secretary writes:—

The following alterations in the programme of the procession of the President-elect of the Bombay Presidency Navjawan Conference is made:—

He will be taken in procession at 10 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and from Byculla insteady of Bori Bunder passing through J. J. Hospital, Bhendi Bazar, Sandhurst Road, Null Bazar, Bapu-khote Street, Pydhonie, Abdul Rehman Street, Mohamedali Road.

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# BE PREPARED

The Congress Subjects Committee's discussions on the various draft resolutions to be placed before the plenary session show that Congress leaders are not much perturbed by the crisis precipitated by the Governor-General. As we have shown before, the crisis was not wholly unexpected and many Congressmen seem to think that it may be positively helpful in combating Federation, the next big task before the Congress. This point of view was naturally much in evidence in the debate on the draft resolution on Federation. Some Congressmen have long feared that, just as the Working Committee permitted the acceptance of office in spite of the Congress rejecting the whole constitution, it may do a somewhat similar thing with regard to Federation. Nor were they wholly re-assured by the draft resolution pointing out that, though the Congress permitted the formation in the provinces of Congress Ministries "with a view to strengthening the nation in its struggle for independence, in regard to the proposed Federation, no such consideration applied, even provisionally, or for a period, and the imposition of this Federation will do grave injuries to India and tighten the bonds which hold her under the subjection of an Imperial domination." The resolution goes further and distinctly provides that, in the event of an attempt being made to impose the Federal scheme despite the declared will of the people, "such an attempt must be combated in every way and the provincial Governments and Ministries, must refuse to co-operate with it" and in case such a contingency arises the A.I.C.C. is to determine the line of action to be pursued in this regard. If at all there was any tendency anywhere to weaken the resolution out of a desire not to jeopardise the Ministerial experiment, that tendency was effectively removed by the Governor-General's action.

## *Direct Action*

Those who might have been disposed to accept the draft resolution now moved a number of amendments calculated to make it stronger and compel Congress to resort to some kind of direct action if Federation was imposed. The Working Committee declined to accept the amendments only because it considered them quite superfluous. The crisis had warned every Congress leader to be prepared for the worst, for they felt with Pandit Jawaharlal that "we may have to keep our knapsacks on our backs and be ready to march at any moment." Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, who moved the resolution, pointed out that during the last twenty years the Congress executive had often declared direct action whenever there was a suitable occasion for it and surely the A.I.C.C. could not possibly shirk a similar decision when the time was ripe for it in connection with Federation. Every Congress leader now feels that the Governor-General's interference may force a crisis earlier than one otherwise expected.

## *Need For Unity*

The need of the hour is not so much a resolution enjoining direct action on some future occasion as immediate preparation for such action whenever the latter may be found necessary. The essential conditions for such preparation are unity within the Congress and unity between the Congress and other anti-imperialist bodies. To ensure unity in the Congress it is imperatively necessary that the unseemly recriminations between the so-called Rightists and the Leftists must stop. And in this respect the best lead may always be expected from Gandhiji, the retiring President, and the new President, all of whom are free from every trace of narrow partisanship. As regards national unity, the resolution on the Rights of minorities should go a good way to promote it if the resolution is followed up with appropriate action, especially with regard to the relations between the Congress and the Muslim League. We cannot too often or too strongly emphasise the point that once the communal question is satisfactorily solved the proposed Federal scheme is doomed and the Governor-General will think ten times before interfering with any Congress Ministry.

# Indian Jute Industry

A few days ago the atmosphere in financial circles in India was surcharged with rumours of an impending agreement between the Association and non-Association members of the Jute industry, regarding the restriction of working hours and the output, so as to enable the industry to combat effectively the forces of a serious slump. The leading counters among Jutes on the Calcutta Stock Exchange advanced a little in anticipation of a successful termination of the proposed negotiations, but they resumed again the downward curve owing to the complete absence of news regarding the developments of the same.

Meanwhile the Indian Jute industry has become an object of great heart burning among the Jute manufacturers of Dundee. The British Government have accepted a motion in the House of Commons urging the imperative necessity of safeguarding the United Kingdom's Jute industry against what is termed as unfair competition from India. The Scottish industry is carrying on a virulent propaganda to restrict imports of Jute goods into United Kingdom from India, and to place this issue in forefront of the resumed trade negotiations between the two countries for fixing a quota. The President of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce at the last quarterly meeting, described in no ambiguous terms the lamentable tale of dwindling production mounting costs and the consequent swelling of the number of unemployed. The Dundee manufacturers point out the enormous growth of imports of Jute cloth into United Kingdom from India, which have increased from 28 million lineal yards in 1923 to about 170 million lineal yards in 1937. They further maintain that the Indian made goods are sold at £7|- per ton lower than Dundee products, and argue that tariffs should be higher enough to equalise the difference in costs between the two countries.

But a careful analysis of the prevailing conditions in the Jute industry reveal an appalling tale of misery on account of troubles both internal and external. Internecine warfare led to unrestricted production and consequent price cutting. The production has increased from 10,48,000 tons in 1935-36 to 12,54,000 tons in 1936-37, but the real problem which awaits solution at the moment is the accumulation of large stocks which were estimated in January last at 7 crores lineal yards. In addition to the internal troubles, the industry is also placed in a serious predicament owing to serious business recession in the U.S.A., and the accumulation of large stocks in that country also. It is a matter of common knowledge that most of the mills at Calcutta are now having a hand-to-mouth existence, drawing upon their reserves. If the present state of affairs is to continue for some time to come it is only a question of time for many mills to close down. When the Dundee Jute manufacturers are clamouring so much for protecting 30,000 people employed there, it is in the fitness of things that the Jute industry in India which employs about 280,000 people should present a united front to maintain the impregnable monopoly of this country. Dundee can depend upon orders from the British Government for sandbags required for the rearmament programmes, whereas the Indian industry has no such support. The golden fibre of Bengal will no longer have its lustre if the Scotsman is allowed to encroach upon markets monopolised by India, and to dictate terms for fixing a quota.

## *FAMINE IN BIJAPUR*

### *Inadequacy Of Relief Measures*

BY H. S. KAUJALGI.

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Bijapur District has got the unenviable distinction of looming frequently in the newspapers on account of its repeated scarcities and famines. The measure of relief given to the villagers in the famine-areas, has so far depended on the local agitation and its success in convincing the Government authorities of the real situation; consequently the numbers of years and areas in which famine-measures have been taken have often been less than those in which these measures ought to have been taken.

**The Relief Measures.**

The usual measures of relief that are undertaken in famine areas can be summarised as under:—

(1) The suspension of the current year's land-revenue.

(2) The remission of the areas of land-revenue in accordance with the rules under the Land-Revenue Code.

(3) Starting famine-works such as laying our new roads or collecting metal for existing roads. Generally the metal-collection work has been taken up as famine work because the work requires no elaborate plans and estimates, is easy to measure, requires no special skill and can engage large number of people at one place.

(4) Advancing Takavi loans for seeds or bullocks or for fodder at a cheap rate of interest.

(5) Giving out doles to children, old and disabled men and women and to middle-class families.

(6) Opening cattle camps for free feeding of cattle.

(7) Opening of free kitchens for the disabled dependents of scarcity workers.

**Losses To The Villagers.**

All these measures, if taken in time, may be able to keep the villager alive. It would be foolish to expect the finances of the villagers to improve by these famine-measures. On the other hand their patent losses during a famine-period can be pointed out as under:—

(1) Whether the agriculturist borrows from the Government or a private money-lender during a famine year, the result is the same viz. an addition to his existing heavy debts.

(2) While he finds it impossible to maintain himself it becomes still more difficult for him to maintain his cattle. He sells them at even one-eighth of their usual price. He has to pay high prices when he goes to purchase the oxen at the sowing time. Thus he suffers losses both ways.

(3) As he has to go to work on the roads etc. he is obliged to leave his land uncared for. He cannot do summer operations. Thus owing to repeated neglect the lands deteriorate in their productivity.

(4) Some times the peasant is obliged to live on doles instead of honourable work. This kind of living on doles demoralises him.

(5) The poor food and the hard living react on the health and vitality of the peasants during a famine.

**Losses To Public And Govt.**

So much for the losses of the agriculturists. As they form the largest percentage of India's population, their poverty and distress affect the rest of the population directly or indirectly, and the Government also is obliged to face pecuniary losses on account of the famines:—

(1) Firstly, the suspensions and remissions of assessment affect the income of the Government directly.

(2) Secondly, the famine-measures cause a heavy drain on the resources of the Government.

(3) Thirdly, men and women suffering from the pangs of hunger are naturally inclined to take risks for satisfying that hunger. Many a time they commit crimes to get a few morsels of food for themselves and their children; and Government has to prevent or punish these crimes at some expense.

Thus supposing that a sympathetic Government takes timely measures to ameliorate the condition of the famine stricken people, the losses to the Government and the Country as a whole are in no way minimised.

On these considerations it is evident that the scarcity works or famine measures undertaken by the Government are no antidote to famines. They may afford some relief but that relief will in its very nature be only of a very temporary nature. If we want to solve the problem permanently we should go deeper into the causes of and the remedies for the famines.

We shall consider these in the succeeding articles.

(To Be Continued.)

# *IMPERIALIST POWERS AND AFRICA*

## Approach Of A Serious Conflict

(By U. K. OZA)

In the last decades of the nineteenth century and the first decade of the present Africa occupied the attention of European politicians to a very large extent. The outbreak of the Great War was in a large measure due to European rivalries on the continent of the Black races. The next war also seems to be about to break out on account of the same continent. Japanese atrocities in China will not lead to any war whatsoever—at least that is the feeling of people in these parts. Stalinite Russia cares more for internal consolidation and supremacy than for world revolution and communist propaganda. Neither America nor Britain are either sufficiently strong or well-equipped to hazard a naval war of first magnitude at long distances from their nearest bases. Germany and Italy are friends of Japan and would prefer to acquire internal strength. Besides they have nothing to gain by a war in the Far East. They cannot be allies of Britain and America against Japan. The looseness of the latter's democratic ideals is more dangerous to them than the ideals of Russian communist dictatorship. France has her self-contained plutocratic democracy to protect. There is no prospect of a general conflagration from the Far East. Japan is destined to acquire the hegemony of East Asia unhampered and unchallenged.

### *Britain In Africa*

But that is not the position in Africa. On this continent Britain has a straight central belt of territory right from the shores of the Mediterranean across the Sudan and the Lake regions to the shores of the Southern Ocean. There is no mistake about Egypt. For the purposes of war it is British and nothing but British. Italy obstructs Britain's passage to the Levant, but once the British fleets pass the Adriatic and approach Malta, the Levant and the Northern Red Sea are theirs without any doubt. There is, below Port Sudan, an Italian wedge in the lower Red Sea, but after leaving Djibouti and Moghadicio, one encounters an uninterrupted British coastal region with rich and easily defensible hinterlands. The splendid harbours of Mombassa, Tanga, Dares Salaam, Beira, Mozambique, Lorenco Marques and Durban form a formidable series. Mombasa is being fast developed into a naval base capable of checking any hostile fleet from descending southwards.

Though the North-Western coast of Africa is divided between France and Italy, Britain has her naval stations and strongly defensible hinterlands on the West African Coast. It is admitted everywhere that all Portuguese territory is British territory for purposes of strategy. The Central British African territories are flanked by Belgian Congo, but military experts do not incline towards giving this fact any significance despite the latest changes in Belgian policy.

### *The Italian Threat*

Two events of great importance have brought Africa once more into the limelight. These are the Italian expansion in the North and the East Central regions and the revival of German Colonial claims. The position of Italy threatens the Egyptian flank in the North, the supremacy of the Red Sea and Northern frontier of Kenya. Nothing could be more in the nature of a bombshell than the news sprung recently upon a nervous world that Italy was on the eve of ceding Jubaland to Germany. The Anglo-Abyssinian border is already a matter of serious concern to the British Government. Till 1924 Jubaland belonged to the British and was ceded to Italy towards satisfying her for the breach of pledges given to her during the war. Kismayu, the capital of Jubaland has a population of Indians but that is only by the way. So far there has been no confirmation of the news, but the cession has not been deemed unlikely. If it materialises, Germany will be introduced right into a position of great strategical importance. Several leaders of German thought have already declared that if it is necessary to go to war for the sake of colonies, Germany will not hesitate in doing so. If it ever comes to that, there can be no greater service done by Mussolini to Hitler than the cession of Jubaland, equally can there be no greater disservice done to Britain.

### *German Claims*

The German Colonial claims are in the main against Britain. Tanganyika was secured to Germany on her renouncing her claims to Zanzibar. There she applied her administrative and organisational skill in the best manner possible. She built two fine harbours, completed two arterial railways, laid down numerous townships and created a block obstructing Cecil Rhodes's dream of a British Central-South African Empire. The War undid all Germany's work. The assumption of the Mandate by Britain and the weakness of the League of Nations have made the realisation of that dream possible. Britain now owns a continuous stretch of territory from Cairo to the Cape for military movements. Having made this secure she could afford to be generous and give away two important slices of original German territory—Ruanda and Urundi to Belgium. In Tanganyika and Uganda she has areas capable of producing as much raw material as she needs to keep her factories going. With Dares-Salaam and Tanga Germany could easily challenge British supremacy of the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean, rendering useless Mombasa, the Portugues African ports and Durban. She sets hardly any store on what were originally German South-West and West Africas, but the possession of Tanganyika is vital to the creation and existence of Greater Germany. Efficient German colonies have sprung up everywhere in Tanganyika, the slopes of the Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro and the Tringa-Mbeya Highlands are studded with German settlements. The Lupa gold area is mostly German. All this the Fuhrer must desire should remain perpetually German, just as the political heirs of Rhodes and Delamere have been desirous of keeping Tanganyika British. In order to achieve British aims several things have been proposed and done. A Union of Customs, post and telegraph has already been achieved. Uniformity of commercial legislation has been aimed at, and in a very fair measure secured. A common

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# FRANKLY SPEAKING

**QUEER LOGIC.**

Sir Laurie Hammond is a retired member of the I.C.S. and probably that category of the I.C.S. which Sir Michael O'Dwyer and the late Sir Reginald Craddock have made famous. It is, therefore, natural that he should try to confuse issues by patronisingly affecting humanitarian sentiments and championship of officials. In the process he has insulted the Ministers also by implying that they have cold bloodedly decided to risk the lives of their subordinates. This insult constitutes a significant commentary on the mentality of men like Sir Laurie Hammond, retired I.C.S. What is equally noteworthy is that Sir Laurie completely ignores the obvious facts of the position. The political prisoners concerned have openly abjured violence. And many of them are due to be released soon. If, therefore, there is any meaning in Sir Laurie's protest, it is that these prisoners should not be released even after the expiry of their sentences but should be condemned to indefinite confinement. Sir Laurie's logic can do credit only to a good bureaucrat or a good Imperialist.

**HARIPURA CONGRESS SOUVENIR.**

One of the most attractive publications called forth by the Haripura Congress session is the just published "Haripura Congress Souvenir." It is a profusely illustrated volume of 550 pages of demy quarto size and contains a good deal of information about the Congress, its progress during half a century, its leaders and workers and the various institutions connected with it like, for instance, the All-India Village Industries Association. It also contains some brief articles on important topics including one on "The Indian States" by Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and another on "The Basis for Socialism' by Shrimati Kamaladevi Chattopadyaya. The book is attractively printed on art paper, published by Ramkrishna Brothers, Poona and is priced four rupees.

**HARDY ANNUALS.**

The very fact that there was criticisms levelled against the little that was new in the various Railway administration during the discussion on the Railway Budget in the Central Assembly is extremely significant. Member after member rose and referred to the various complaints and grievances with which we are all too familiar for a number of years now. Those hardy annuals apparently have very little effect upon those responsible for the management of Indian railways. The manipulation of the rates policy, the neglect of the third class passengers, the extravagance of the administration and the growing discontent among the subordinate staff—all those problems yet remain unsolved and if anything they are aggravating year by year. Sir Thomas Stewart has no doubt been able to present a very rosy picture of the situation and he has every right to compliment himself upon a surplus almost twenty times as much as that originally estimated. But a surplus is not the sole criterion of efficient management.

**UNCONVINCING DEFENCE.**

The Railway and Communications Member no doubt attempted a defence of the administration but it was too facile to be satisfactory. About the only amenity provided for the third class passengers during the last year was the construction of about 100 waiting halls. While the very costly experiment of air-conditioned coaches for higher classes has been already carried into execution, the question of building a better type of third classes carriages is hanging fire since 1935. Regarding corruption also it is not fair to throw the entire onus of detection and proof on the public, as the Railway Member sought to do. One surprising omission in Sir Thomas' speech is regarding the tragic disasters which have occurred during the last year. While no one wants to accuse Government of inhumanity or even irresponsibility, one wishes they had taken more active steps to satisfy public apprehensions on a subject of such gravity and magnitude.

**"NATIONAL FRONT"**

Of the many achievements of Pandit Jawaharlal's presidential regime, not the least important is the increasing co-operation and mutual understanding between the Congress and various groups of leftists who had for many years kept themselves aloof from the great national organisation. The appearance of "The National Front," described as a 'Marxist' weekly, is an indication of this newly-established unity between Indian nationalism and Socialism in their joint-struggle to end Imperialism. "The unity of the entire Left to develop the independent class organizations of workers and peasants and to preserve the unity of the National Front and the National Congress" is the two-fold task to which the journal sets itself. "In the National Congress," says a manifesto signed by prominent Communists, which is featured in the journal, "the masses see the mighty front of struggle against their main enemies.....the organizer and leader of their fights." We are glad the Leftists are thus coming round to recognize the Congress as the spearhead of the anti-Imperialist struggle and are prepared to co-operate with it in a spirit of common endeavour. It is only by loyally serving national interests in accordance with the creed and policy of the Congress that the forces of the Left will be able to exercise any helpful influence on national politics. In welcoming the "National Front" and wishing it a useful and successful career, we welcome the radical elements, which it represents, into the Congress fold.

**The Two Voices**

(1) Lord Zetland in the Lords: He would be very happy to provide information (re: crisis in U.P. and Bihar) in the form of a White Paper.

(2) Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the Commons: The Premier reminded Mr. Benn that the White Paper was not definitely promised in that form.

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London and American Papers are reported to have secured special statements from Mahatma Gandhi and President Bose.

Little wonder then that the White Paper promised by the British Government needs special and thorough preparation.

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We learn that the White Paper will contain the statements of the two Premiers also.

Couldn't the Governor-General have them removed as a menace to public peace and what not?

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Lord Samuel told the A.P.I. at Vithalnagar that his visit was pre-arranged and had nothing to do with the present Ministerial crisis.

It may be said that the constitutional crisis was also pre-arranged and had nothing to do with the present Ministerial crisis.

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Lord Samuel declared that arrangements in Congress Nagar were "marvellous."

With due deference to his British Lordship, Indians CAN achieve marvels—if not interfered with.

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Writing on Bombay Radio programmes, a correspondent says, "I am sure the management can substantially improve the programmes if they make a serious attempt in that direction."

They have. At least, on the principle of first destroy and then build, they have made a beginning—with the cancellation of Congress broadcast.

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**Sack For Civil Servants**

—Headline.

How wholeheartedly we welcome it even though the sack took place in distant Roumania.

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It is reported that the U.P. Muslim League has declined to form a Government or join any party forming one.

Lest credit may mistakenly go to Chaudhari Khaliquzzaman, Mr. Jinnah must rush with a public statement before it is too late.

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Boats carrying Australian and American missionary women were bombed and machine-gunned by Jap. 'planes in the Yellow River.

America and Britain should immediately despatch to Tokio a stiff joint note accepting Japanese apology in advance and demanding that Japan shall in future exercise scrupulous care until the next outrage.

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Says a Rome message: M. T. Butenco, Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Bucharest has been found in Rome, according to the 'Giornale d'Italia".

As a guest of Signor Gayda or Il Duce?

Any way we hope the Russian diplomat is not the worse for his adventure.

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**Britain And France Want More Light On Austrian Events.**

—Headline.

Or rather they want more darkness on Austrian events before finally making up their minds—if ever at all.

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Apropos of the Austro-German developments, "we are," Mr. Eden assured the Commons, 'willing to act with the signatories to the Stresa declaration (France and Italy) but it does not lie with us to take the initiative."

What, in fact, does, and will, lie with "us"—that is, if somebody else takes the initiative—is inability to do anything in view of inevitable absence of agreement between the other signatories.

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Admirer: 'Adored one, may I print a kiss upon your lips?'

Adored One: 'Well—er—yes; you may print it, but you mustn't publish it.'

# States Peoples' Day In Subjects Committee

## *Agreed Formula Accepted*

## No Abolition Of Congress Bodies

## But Internal Struggle Must Be Undertaken By Other Organisations

**HARIPURA, February 18.**

**The Subjects Committee after 5 hours heated debate, wherein nearly twenty of the best speakers participated and during which thirteen amendments were moved to the Working Committee's resolution on Indian States Subjects adopted the original resolution moved by Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, with an agreed amendment suggested by Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and accepted by the mover.**

### Agreed Formula

**The agreed amendment deleted the clause tabooing formation of Congress Committees in Indian States and stated instead: "Congress, therefore, directs that for the present Congress Committees in States shall function only under the direction and control of the Working Committee and shall not engage in any parliamentary activities nor engage in direct action in the name and under the auspices of the Congress nor undertake internal struggle of people of the States in the name of the Congress."**

### Fate Of Amendments

**The mover of the resolution, having accepted Dr. Pattabhi's agreed formula, eleven out of thirteen amendments were withdrawn, while Mr. Satyadev's amendment, moved on behalf of the Socialist Party, was rejected by 200 to 70 and Mr. Ramchandran's amendment was lost by a large majority.—A.P. Special.**

### *PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL*

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

The Subjects Committee commenced at 12-40 to-day, to resume the debate on the official resolution on the States moved by Moulana Abul Kalam Azad yesterday.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, president, was cheered, when he rose to announce that he had received notices of thirteen amendments to the resolution.

Mr. Bose requested the movers and speakers to be brief and avoid repetition. Amidst loud cheers, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru rose to support the resolution.

A rousing cheer was given to Mr. Srikrishna Sinha, Bihar Premier, as he entered the Subjects Committee Pandal, when Pandit Jawaharlal began his speech on the State resolution, by the whole assembly, which was as large as yesterday.

Panditji spoke for fifty minutes.

Putting up a vigorous plea for acceptance of the resolution by the House, Pandit Nehru said:

"I do not want anybody in British India or any States Ruler or States' people to imagine that this resolution indicates going a step backward in our policy towards the States.

VITAL QUESTION

"On the other hand, it indicates the realization of the fact that States have become a vital question. We must face realities and recognise them, and finally we must have the determination that, as soon as our position is consolidated in British India, we must go ahead for victory in Indian States, along with the rest of India.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY.

Continuing, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said:—

"I suppose most of our comrades present here are aware of my general views on the subject of Indian States. I hold strong views with regard to them, and it almost seems to me a position, which I cannot tolerate in the present form. Continuance of States in India oppresses me. In them I see exemplified two things:—The Feudal Order, plus British Imperialism. "I do not believe, I have not believed at any time, that the Congress can wash its hands off the States, and can pursue a policy of what might be called non-interference. It cannot be so in any way. It (the Congress) may not act effectively, that is another matter. But it cannot separate the problem of Indian States from the rest of India. And, I am very glad that this matter has been cleared up in the resolution beyond any shadow or possibility of doubt."

Proceeding Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said: "In the first part of the resolution stress has been laid on the unity of India and our idea and goal of independence, and it has been stated that the Congress stands for the same political, social and economic freedom in the States as in the rest of India. If that is so, it is absurd to talk about non-interference. As a matter of fact, I do not think at any time any Congress resolution laid down that we should keep our hands off the States.

BURDEN OF STRUGGLE.

"The Congress has nevertheless repeated in the past that we cannot act in the States, as we might want to or as we might be acting in British India, and has tried to remove misapprehensions from the minds of the States' people in this direction. They might be expecting many things from the Congress, and in the end, might be disappointed. The burden of the struggle for emancipation in the States lies essentially on them.

STATES' PEOPLE.

It is this background with which I approach the subject. Not only myself, but all the members of the Working Committee, even though they might not be in favour of any Congress activity in the States, are absolutely of one mind, so far as this major question is concerned. It is the duty of the Congress to work for the realisation of that ideal in the States as well as in British India. That might be taken for granted."

CALCUTTA RESOLUTION

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru added:—

"In the All India Congress Committee's resolution at Calcutta, it has been reiterated. The conflict has arisen in regard to the resolution about States. There has been discussion sometimes with bitterness on the subject, and an unwholesome atmosphere has been created resulting in

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## Kaifeng Out Of Danger

**Chinese Embassy Claims Japanese Column Was Routed**

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The Chinese Embassy announce that a telegram from the Foreign Office at Hankow reports that the Japanese left column which penetrated towards Fengchiu on the north side of the Yellow River opposite Kaifeng, has been completely routed and the Japanese threat to Kaifeng has thus been dispelled.—Reuter.

### *FIVE JAPANESE 'PLANES SHOT DOWN*

HONKOW, Feb. 18.

Five Japanese planes were shot down in attempting to raid on Hankow, according to Chinese claims. Thirty Chinese planes intercepted the 27 raiders.—Reuter.

### *NEW COMMANDER OF JAPANESE ARMY*

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18.

General Matsui is being recalled to Tokio according to a reliable source.

Lieut-General Hata, until last year Commander of the Army in Formosa is arriving to-day, it is reported, to replace General Matsui.

It is suggested that Lieut. General Hata is more diplomatic and the Cabinet intend to adopt a more conciliatory attitude towards foreign interest, the Yangtze Customs question and the Shanghai Municipal problem.—Reuter.

### *EXCHANGE CONTROL IN NORTH CHINA*

TOKIO, Feb. 18.

Concrete steps to exclude non-Japanese goods from areas occupied by Japanese in North China are likely to be taken soon according to the industrial newspaper "Daily News." It says, steps in that connection will probably coincide the opening of North China Federal Reserve Bank on March 1

Ultimately it is proposed to unify North China currency on a parity with yen and enforce an exchange control but pending these developments "the provisional government of Chinese Republic" intends severely to restrict the imports of non-Japanese goods which Japan will be able to export.—Reuter.

### *NAZIS TO RECOGNIZE MANCHUKUO*

BERLIN Feb. 18.

German recognition of Manchukuo is foreshadowed. Possibly Herr Hitler will announce it in his Reichstag speech on Sunday; otherwise, by diplomatic methods later.—Reuter.

### CARNEGIE ON STEEL PRICES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Mr. Carnegie, Illinois, announced that current prices of hot rolled products would be continued during the second quarter. Steel circles, according to the "Associated Press", expect that the announcement will have stabilising effect on steel industry where many consumers have been delaying orders in expectation of adjustment of hot rolled prices to conform with the recent reduction in the cold rolled products.—Reuter.

### FEARED HE WAS A MARKED MAN.

ROME, Feb. 17.

According to a newspaper, M. Butenko said that he fled, because he feared that he was a marked man by the Soviet O.G.P.U.—Reuter.

The Earl of Warwick was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court with the cstody of his son born in 1934. He petitioned on the ground of the Countess' misconduct at Los Angeles in 1936 with Mr. Roger Bailey who was cited correspondent. The petition was undefended.

### *NIEMOELLER TRIAL BEGINS*

BERLIN, Feb. 18.

The Niemoeller trial was resumed this morning. The three defending counsels were in their places as well as an advocate appointed by the court. The duration of the trial depends on whether the accused decides to defend himself against all the charges by bringing witnesses from many towns, where he is alleged to have broken the law.—Reuter.

## INDO-BRITISH TRADE TALKS

**Hopes Of Agreement Being Concluded In June**

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Sir Mohamed Zafrulla Khan's negotiations with the Board of Trade are proceeding normally.

It is anticipated that the present phase relating to general preferences will end satisfactorily in a week or ten days.

Sir Mohamed Zafrulla Khan plans to return to India in the first week of March. There are grounds to hope that further discussions in India relating to textiles and cotton will be concluded in a short period and a trade agreement will emerge in June.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON, February 17.

Rear Admiral Dubose, Chief of naval construction testified to the Naval Affairs' Committee that President Roosevelt's expansion programme cost over a thousand million dollars.

He estimated that 46 warships cost 731,095 thousand dollars, 22 auxiliaries cost 246,451 thousand dollars and minesweepers and tenders cost 72 million dollars.

The estimates are exclusive of the cost of a thousand fighting 'planes.—Reuter.

### SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ON FARM BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

In course of radio address Mr. Wallace, Secretary for Agriculture said that in the event of the Farm Bill remaining in effect for ten years it would seem that the corn prices could be maintained at an average of at least 60 cents per bushel and even in years of very large crops, prices could not go below forty cents, except for a short time in the western corn belt. The C. C. C. announced that no cotton pledged under 1937 loan may be transferred to the C. C. C. as provided in the Farm Bill, until necessary forms and instructions are available.—Reuter.

### *Alleged Spies Committed For Trial*

LONDON, Feb. 18.

The four men charged under the Official Secrets Act were committed for trial. All pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence.

Glading and Williams were remanded in custody: Whomack and Munday were allowed bail.—Reuter.

### NO CONSCRIPTION IN PEACE-TIME

LONDON, Feb. 18.

In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister stated that pledges given by the late Prime Minister that conscription would not be introduced in peace time by his Government, applied equally to the present administration.—Reuter.

### *FRANCE TO SPEED UP ARMS RACE*

### *Cabinet Committee's Decision*

PARIS, Feb. 18.

It was announced at the conclusion of a Cabinet Committee meeting that an agreement was reached to speed up arms production. The meeting discussed how far it was possible to accelerate production within the limits of the budget and the total amount, it was possible to allocate for defence and it was decided to allocate extra votes of supply among the Defence Services.—Reuter.

### "BETRAYAL OF AUSTRIA TO NAZIS"

VIENNA, Feb. 17.

The chief event to-day has been the release of prisoners from Vienna Central Court Prison variously estimated between 250 and 500.

Many relatives gathered at the prison doors waiting to see their husbands, sons and brothers for first time in many cases since 1934. The police outside the prison kept the crowds from moving.

**Meanwhile the excitement among factory workers continued and protests and strikes against alleged "betrayal of Austria to Nazis" occurred at a number of big factories in Vienna.—Reuter.**

## Britain's Move To Conciliate Germany?

**"Revision" May Be Necessary, Says Halifax**

LONDON, Feb. 17.

THE POLICY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO BE INSPIRED BY THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE STRESA CONFERENCE, declared Lord Halifax replying for the Government on foreign affairs debate in the House of Lords.

**Lord Halifax added "But efficacy of that resolution depended upon the loyal co-operation of all parties thereto—Britain, France and Italy—not on the British Government alone.**

As far as the resolution referred to the maintenance of independence of Austria, the Government is not yet in a position to estimate the effects of the recent Austro-German Agreement but they are watching the situation developing with close attention".

Lord Halifax reaffirmed Britain's desire for peace and world appeasement and referring to Germany he said that the Government were pursuing with energy the examination of questions raised when he visited Berlin. He added "Not the least of the problems confronting us to-day was to make provision for securing peace which may not exclude peaceful revision and change where such may rightly be required".—Reuter's Special.

### *ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS*

### *Grandi Meets Eden And Premier*

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Unusually long Anglo-Italian diplomatic talks to-day have aroused speculation about their nature, Count Grandi spent 75 minutes with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Eden this morning at No. 10 Downing Street and returned in the afternoon and resumed the conversation. It is generally opined that they were discussing the Austrian situation.

It is believed that Mr. Chamberlain wished to discuss Italy's position in regard to the Stresa Agreement, which guaranteed Austrian independence.—Reuter.

### *PROTEST AGAINST NAZI POLICY*

### *Austrian Legitimists' Hostility To Recent Changes*

VIENNA, Feb. 18.

Legitimists, seeing that their hopes of a restoration of Habsburgs are dashed, are expressing unmeasured hostility to the recent changes.

At a meeting of the Imperial League at Innsbruck, vehement speeches declared that the recent measures filled them with deep anxiety and mistrust and described M. Seyssinquart as the real Chancellor of Austria by the grace of Herr Hitler.

"Over our dead bodies will the Nazis come to Austria" was a remark wildly applauded by the crowded audience.—Reuter.

### *BRITAIN & AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENTS*

LONDON, Feb. 18.

Mr. Eden was still not in a position to make a statement regarding the Austro-German situation. He told the House of Commons today but he hoped it would be possible to do on Monday.

In the meantime, he repeated that the Government were watching the situation closely on account of the interest, which the Government had always taken and would continue to take in the Austrian question, not only on its own account but in its relation to Central Europe as a whole.—Reuter.

### NAZI DOMINATION IN AUSTRIA

**Result Of Hitler-Schuschnigg Talk**

PARIS, Feb. 18.

Dr. Schuschnigg, when at Berchtesgaden, was stated in [illegible], according to the [illegible]

## Viceroy Could Have Averted Crisis By Goodwill

*—Geo: Lansbury*

LONDON: February 17.

**Mr. George Lansbury interviewed by Reuter expressed deep disappointment and apprehension at the impasse between certain Provincial Governments and the Viceroy, and hoped that the suggestions, contained in Lord Lothian's letter to the "Times," would be considered, and the Government of India would take immediate steps to try to remedy the situation.**

**THERE WAS NO USE IN INDULGING IN HARD LANGUAGE OR BLAMING ANYONE. THE ESSENTIAL THING WAS TO SOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES, WHICH HE REGARDED AS NOT INSUPERABLE.**

MR. LANSBURY EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THERE WAS A GREAT BODY OF MIDDLE-CLASS OPINION IN ENGLAND —NOT EXTREMISTS ON EITHER SIDE,—WHO BELIEVED THAT, WITH GOODWILL AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LEADERS, THE VICEROY COULD PRODUCE A SETTLEMENT.—Reuter.

## "Protection Of Lives More Valuable Than Defence Of Constitution"

LONDON, Feb. 17.

"As one who has had some experience of Terrorism, I submit that the protection of Magistrates, Judges and policemen is perhaps even more important than the defence of constitutional theory", writes Sir Laurie Hammond in a letter to the "Times" in regard to Lord Lothian's suggestion that the Governors should warn the Ministers and publish the warning in the event of trouble.

He says that this paper victory would be of little advantage to policemen or officers who, in the interval, may have been murdered, nor will the fact, that the Governor can triumphantly say "I told you" so, encourage witnesses to come forward to give evidence.

Terrorism is a special form of crime.

Once, as in Palestine, it is believed that the Government is not definitely on the top, it spreads rapidly and can, as the past history of terrorism in India and Palestine has proved, only be put down after many useful lives have been sacrificed. To allow the initiative to pass to the Terrorists is a most dangerous step.—Reuter.

correspondent of the French Havas agency, to have accepted conditions whereby the Nazis were to be given more posts in the Austrian Cabinet and commanding position in the Fatherland front, and Austria would realign her policy towards the League of Nations with that of Germany and sign the anti-Comintern Pact.

Herr Hitler is planning an Austro-German Customs Union to be achieved by a progressive reduction of tariffs, Austro-German currencies to be linked with a view to the ultimate introduction of a common monetary system, German public works programme notably building of trunk roads to be extended to Austria and Austrian unemployed to be employed.—Reuter.

### FRENCH AMBASSADOR MEETS RIBBENTROP

BERLIN, February 17.

The French Ambassador made the first call on Von Ribbentrop whereafter it was announced that all foreign questions concerning the two countries were discussed.

It is understood that the Austrian question was also raised and that the German view stressed that the recent developments contributed to strengthening of peace.—Reuter.

## Police Torture In India

**British Journals' Poser For Congress Cabinets: Kiroo Case Echo**

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, (By Air Mail).

That torture, ranging from beating to unmentionable practices, is habitually used by the Indian police is a fact generally admitted in India, but always denied in England. Will it survive the recent exposure in the High Court of Lahore? A man named Kiroo was tortured for six hours at Rawalpindi by policemen, in the presence of many witnesses, some of them whites. He kept his knife and his courage, however, and finally stabbed his tormentor to death. Charged with murder, he was acquitted by the Chief Justice, Sir Douglas Young (see Mr. Polak's letter in the "Manchester Guardian" of January 14th). We have ourselves had reliable evidence of such practices, and have ourselves brought instances to the notice of the highest authorities in vain; further, we can point to an admission of their survival in a standard History of India. Such courageous judgments as this are not unusual in the higher courts, but they commonly have no effect on the administration. Nor is it likely that the truth in this case could have been established had not a white non-commissioned officer witnessed the prolonged torture of Kiroo. Will the Congress Ministries in the provinces stop these police brutalities? As we read the Act they have not sufficient powers to do so.—"New Statesman and Nation".

### *FATE OF CALCUTTA ELECTRICITY CASE APPEAL*

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council dismissed both the appeals in the Calcutta Electricity Case.—Reuter.

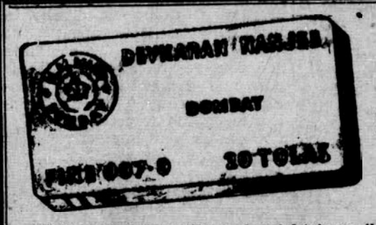
### SEYSSINQUART MEETS NAZI LEADERS

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

Great expectations are entertained here in connection with M. Seyssinquart's appointment. It is reported that he will unite the police force and Ministry of the Interior under one administration which is generally regarded as the most important development next to amnesty.

The first visit of M. Seyssinquart made in Berlin to-day was to Himmler, Chief of Political Police, whereafter he saw Von Ribbentrop before he was received by Herr Hitler.

M. Seyssinquart's is described as unofficial.—Reuter.

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# Agreed Formula On States Accepted

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considerable injury, I think, to the cause of States and all those who want the Congress to function in the States. In Calcutta, the resolution was adopted condemning repression in Mysore, and subsequently certain events happened which resulted in creating an atmosphere, which instead of proving helpful to the agitation, had an adverse effect. This thing had troubled me greatly, and I tried to think about it and analyse the situation in my mind. We seriously deliberated as to how we could help this struggle in the States.

REPRESSION IN MYSORE

"May I now say something perhaps in criticism of that resolution, because I did not personally like the resolution, which came before the Calcutta All-India Congress Committee, in regard to the language and certain phrases of it. But the essential part of that resolution regarding the condemnation of the repression in Mysore, I wholeheartedly endorse, because in the course of my presidentship, I had had lot to do by way of correspondence in regard to affairs in Mysore with all sorts of people. I speak with some knowledge on the subject, and with that knowledge, I can say definitely what happened in Mysore deserved the severest condemnation from the All-India Congress Committee."

NEW AWAKENING.

"It may be that some people in the States erred, but on the whole, the States' people carried on agitation with restraint. The All-India Congress Committee was justified in passing that resolution. Yet certain consequences followed. It is not right for us to act in that manner, more especially now, when we have to face big problems and big crises. It is better perhaps if we tone down our resolution and tone our activity slightly, so far as the use of the Congress name is concerned in the States. We push forward not only in British India but in the States, because one of the major things happening now is a remarkable awakening all over India from top to bottom. That awakening has come largely because of reactions to things in British India, and behind that lie big economic forces and hunger. We must organise it and turn it in useful channels. Let us recognise that, and not argue too much. We should chalk out a common line of action, which will help us to do bigger things in the future.

COMMITTEES IN STATES.

Pandit Jawaharlal continued:—"The question is whether we should further establish Congress Committees, subject to conditions or no conditions. Personally, and obviously, I welcome the establishment of as many committees as possible in the States. But I ask during all these years how many committees have been established in States? Leave out Mysore or one or two Southern States. Even where they exist, they are nominal committees. They do not function. They live on paper or in the imagination of some. Some people say: "We may have committees which will carry on a constructive programme only." I do not like any committees being told to do constructive work alone and not indulge in politics. I do not think it is a dignified attitude. Moreover there are special organisations as Khadi and Village Industries Associations, which can take charge of constructive programmes and discharge them more efficiently.

RELY ON YOURSELVES.

"Last year the Mysore Committee sought my permission for civil disobedience, but I had to say 'no', because that was against the present policy of the Congress. Suppose Mysore people had strength to resort to civil disobedience, as the situation demanded, they ought to have done so. But the Congress kept them back, because it could not be entangled in civil disobedience in Mysore. I would not like one word to go out of my mouth to stop any such movement. It is, therefore desirable for us at present to make this point clear. States' people must shoulder their own burden. Do not use the name of the Congress, because it gives you a false sense of strength and you do not think in terms of your own strength. For the present you must shoulder your burden yourself. A year or two hence the situation may change. May-be we will go ahead then, because these States are in the melting pot and they will go sooner than many of us think."—U. P. Special.

### Dr. Pattabhi's Speech

Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya president of the All-India States Peoples Conference, vehemently opposed the resolution.

He said: 'This is one of the most trying moments of my life because I have to combat a resolution of the Working Committee. Public duty and inexorable necessity compel me to oppose this resolution. For the past twenty-one years I have been a member of the All-India Congress Committee but recently I added to my duties the Presidentship of the All-India States' People Conference as well. It is not with any sense of presumptuousness that I am speaking now but with solid experience. In the first place I would ask the Working Committee why it is that they have brought forward this resolution. What exactly is it that was inspired them to move this resolution? Is it the Mysore situation?

WHAT IS WRONG IN IT.

What Mysore has done is only to ask for permission to do a thing even as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru sought the permission of the Working Committee on Mahatma Gandhi's return from the second Round Table Conference to launch a no-rent campaign in the United Provinces. Surely asking for permission is a constitutional method. The Working Committee has been challenged for a long time now to clarify its position vis-a-vis the Indian States. On what grounds can the Working Committee deny the right of existence to States' Congress Committees and couple a penal measure to it? We have heard in recent months a lot about mass contacts and the rights and duties of Primary Committees regarding strengthening the Congress. How can the Congress Working Committee justify its action in passing this radical revolutionary resolution, without reference to the Primary Committees. Where is the urgency for rushing through such an important resolution having far-reaching consequences?"

Dr. Pattabhi then explained the resolutions passed at the recent Convention of the States Workers at Navsari.

WHY PENALISE ALL

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya added: "We thank you for all that you say and wish for the States subjects but all that is counterbalanced by what you finally say. Why penalise all the States? Have you any evidence against the States? You have bad soil and good soil. Similarly you have bad Committees and good Committees. Have we not known of a number of Congress Committees that have infringed the rules at every stage and yet have been allowed to carry on? Surely all Congress Committees have not reached the pink of perfection. There are many District Congress Committees which are mere frauds. Every one of you knows it. If such Committees can live, why cannot the States Committees?"

The Speaker then referred to the attempts made by the States' Peoples' Conference to enrol members in Cochin State. They got a rebuff when they were told that as long as the Congress was there, they had no need for another organisation (cheers).

Proceeding Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya asked: "You declare that you are not able to keep up your prestige. Honour and dignity in Indian States. How about the British Provinces? What have you done in Chittagong, Midnapore and the North-West Frontier till recently? We are helpless in certain respects, but let us not parade our impotency. We must march on together, not separately."

Dr. Pattabhi held up the example of Eire and Ulster. The States' people must be brought to the level, at which they can usefully merge in the Federation.

ANOTHER DANGER

Dr. Pattabhi warned the Congress High Command of another danger to which their decision would give rise. States' peoples had been advised to form separate organisations. Such attempts were sure to be counterbalanced and nullified by manoeuvres of interested parties and before long they would find the States embroiled in a number of communal and sectional organisations.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS CABINET

"The only salvation for India is the Indian National Congress. It is the one national body, from which all power springs. It is the fountain-head of national forces. Unless you introduce the ideals of the Congress into the Indian States you will only be perpetuating communalism in the States (cheers)."

He appealed to the members of the Working Committee to take a large view of the matter and accept the amendment of Mr. Rangwal of Ajmer.

Mr. Rajagopal (Mysore) moved an amendment favouring the establishment or continuance of Congress Committees in States and gave instances of over a dozen big States in which Congress Committees had been functioning for a long time. He pointed out that Congress had done wonderful village uplift and Harijan work, in addition to creating political awakening among the masses. He did not believe that any other organisation would be able to work as effectively as Congress Committees. He doubted that if the newly formed Praja Mandals or associations would be able to secure effective response or compel the attention of the rulers or the people. He suggested that the existing Committees should be encouraged and new ones established.

INCONSISTENCY CHARGE.

Mr. Ramachandran (Travancore) held that British Indians did not fully know what was happening in Indian States. They never took sufficient interest in State affairs.

He added:—"If the Calcutta resolution was a surprise to the people, the present resolution is a bomshell." It was most discouraging to States' people. He appealed to the Working Committee to allow Congress Committees in States to function and assured them that if any direction was undertaken States' people would do it on their own responsibility without seeking help from or in any way embroiling British India in it. He suggested the deletion of all paras except the first, second and last ones. "Active sympathy is promised in one part of the resolution, while in another part States' people are denied even the right to work under the aegis of the Congress. How can you then show active sympathy."

Mr. Narasinghan (Andhra) moved another amendment deleting the clause for including the establishment of Congress Committees in the States. He held that the backward conditions existed in States needed the help of Congress.

DON'T BE HARD ON STATES.

Mr. Jayanarain Vyas (Ajmere-Merwara) asked the Congress High Command: "Would you take away from us what even autocratic rulers or bureaucratic imperialism have not dared to take away, namely, our right to be in the Congress."

He made it clear that they of the States did not want to fight the Congress High Command. They only wanted to assert their rights. He appealed to the Congress to revise this new attitude and allow Congress Committees to function in the States. In return the States' people, he said, were willing to give any guarantee to satisfy the Congress.

WHY THIS EXCLUSION?

"Call it the British Indian Congress and not the Indian National Congress," declared Capt. Avadesh Prasad Singh of Mahakoshal in a fighting speech in which he accused the Congress High Command of blowing hot and cold at the same time. Were they not asking Kisans and Labour organisations to merge in the Congress and not form separate organisations, and would they in the same breath ask the people of the States to form independent organisations, he demanded.

Producing statistics of people imprisoned or otherwise gagged as a record or the work done by the Congress Committees in the States, he asked: "Why do you want to deprive us of the rights, which we have earned and the privileges, which we cherish? How can one call the Congress a national organisation, if the Indian States are not in it?"

The ringing of the bell checked Capt. Avadesh's progress but he caused laughter, when he said: "I have not moved my amendment," and came out with it. He suggested the addition of a new clause to the effect that it shall be open to States' subjects to form Congress Committees in the States under the direct control of the A.I.C.C.

WHY MONOPOLY?

Mr. Vora moved an amendment favouring the deletion of the clause banning Congress Committees in Indian States and adding the following:

"The Congress will hereafter make efforts to strengthen Congress Committees in States and form new Committees."

His main argument was that the prestige and name of the Congress should not be monopolised by British India alone.

Mr. Abdul Rehman (Kerala) moved an amendment suggesting that the resolution be referred back to the Provincial Congress Committees to elicit opinion. He maintained that if the resolution as it stood was passed it would result in deviation from the policy pursued by the Congress all these years. Moreover the present Constitution empowered Provincial Congress Committees to form Congress Committees in States under their jurisdiction. Passing of the present resolution would mean that the right was abolished.

### DON'T INSIST ON NON-INTERFERENCE

Shrimati Satyavatidevi (Delhi) moved an amendment that all clauses relating to non-interference by the Congress be deleted and desired that not only should the existing Congress Committees in States continue to function but others should be established Wherever possible in States. She also urged that it should be laid down that only by the joint efforts of the States and of British India could Federation be effectively combated. She pleaded that Congress, should take an active part in States and should allow States' people to make use of its great name to improve their position.

Making a fervent appeal that Congress should not refuse help to States people in their fight against feudal lords, she spoke of the part played by Congress Committees in enlightening the masses and to what extent they had striven and succeeded in carrying out the Congress programme. The speaker warned the people against the belief that Indian India was free from the burden of British Imperialism. "Only a united front of British India and Indian India can effectively give battle to British Imperialism" She pleaded and continued:— "Do not be led away by the logic of the Working Committee but listen to the pleadings of the forsaken States peoples and give them your sympathy and, more than that, your active support.

RESTRICT ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Misrilal Ranglal moved an amendment to the effect that while the people of the States shall have undisputed right to enrol themselves as primary members and to form Committees in the states, Congress Committees in the States shall not for the present undertake direct action or fight elections in the name of the Congress without the permission of the Working Committee. He declared:— "If we are competent to study and consider the situation in Palestine and China and the international situation generally, why should we not be allowed to consider the situation nearer home affecting some of our own people.

Referring to the statement of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad he said:— "The Congress Committees in Indian States were mere playthings. I would say that even playthings are something, and better than nothing."

PLEA FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

Mr. Gopikabllas Sen (Bengal) by another amendment wanted that Congress should actively participate in the States' affairs. He held that the resolution of the Working Committee was inconsistent with the established Congress policy. It really weakened the position of the Congress which was the only organisation fitted and able to carry on the freedom fight inside the Indian States.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai opposing all the amendments said there were so many of them and they were of such a varied nature that if all of them were adopted nothing would remain of the resolution. He suggested that a more honest procedure for the opponents of the resolution would have been to oppose it in toto instead of moving amendments such as had been moved. He appealed to the audience to face the realities in considering the resolution. There were hardly fifteen committees among seven crores of States' subjects. How could those Committees, which were mostly moribund, claim to speak on behalf of all States' subjects

"During fifty years of the existence of the Congress, whose name is a trade mark, whose prestige is strength, how many Committees have been formed in the States and how many of them have been functioning well? The fact is that the more we encourage the formation of Committees in the States the more we shall be inviting the humiliation of not being able to support them. We are saying this in this resolution in the humble spirit of recognition of the realities of the situation."

NO COMMON LINE.

Proceeding Mr. Bhulabhai Desai said that as long as the States and British India remained what they were, it was not likely that they would have any common line of action.

The policy of the Working Committee was that God helps those who help themselves. He advised the States' people to organise themselves. "The strength of the Congress did not come from the mere name. It came from its work and its sacrifices. Why should they of the States start with the name of the Congress first and then think of struggle and organisations. "There is no other method by which you can build up strength than by your own struggle. We do not wish to give you a false trade mark. Encouraged by our example, we want you to organise and strengthen yourself always assured of our moral support. I would appeal to the States' people to take the Working Committee's resolution in good spirit. Do not think it deprives you of any right. Who can take away from you right to organise for yourself?"

WHY DISCRIMINATE

Mr. M. S. Aney, who attended the Subjects Committee meeting for the first time during the present sessions to-day, characterised the Working Committee's resolution as full of inconsistencies and contradictions.

Mr. Aney added: "We do not seem to know what we are about. If there are only a few Congress Committees should that not be a lever to goad us to greater efforts in organising Congress Committees in the Indian States. On the other hand, what are we doing? We say that because things are not quite well in the states, we shall wind them up.

"Again, the resolution makes a discrimination. By the last paragraph of the resolution, the existing Committees could be allowed to function, if the Working Committee thought fit, whereas no new Committees could be formed. Mr. Aney asked if this was not a policy of discrimination between States and States."

WHY CONDEMN EXISTING COMMITTEES

Mr. Aney also disputed their right to condemn the existing Committees. At least, he was not satisfied that a case had been made out. He warned the Congress that their withdrawal of support would give reactionary elements in the states greater freedom and all progressive agitation in Indian States would be crushed.

After Mr. Aney's speech Dr. Ghose moved closure and the House accepted the motion.

"A GREED FORMULA.

When Moulana Abul Kalam Azad was about to reply on the debate, hurried consultations were held between Dr. Pattabhi, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Pandit Nehru and Mr. Bose as a result of which the President announced that an agreed formula had been evolved, which could not be moved as an amendment unless the House unanimously agreed to it.

When the proposition was put to the House some members objected and, therefore, Maulana Azad was called upon to reply on the debate. He said that behind the resolution was a good reason and a great purpose. But having heard the speeches in favour of the amendments he was amazed. He assured them that the resolution did not propose to take away any of the rights of the States people. On the contrary it gave them freer and better scope and greater freedom of action to carry on their internal activities unfettered by the limitations of the Congress programme. If the Congress had closed one door they had opened several others.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad asked the states workers to prove that the existing conditions in the States were such as to permit the proper growth and functioning of Congress organisations on the same lines as in British Indian Provinces.

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

The original resolution of the Working Committee was then passed with the agreed amendment deleting clause tabooing Congress Committees in States and laying down that for present Congress Committees in States shall function only under direction and control of Working Committee and shall not engage in any parliamentary activity, nor engage in direct action in the name and under the auspices of the Congress, nor undertake internal struggles of peoples of States in the name of the Congress.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad then formally moved the resolution on Kisan Sabhas passed by the Working Committee this morning. The House then adjourned till 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Kisan staged a demonstration before the Subjects Committee Pandal this evening and marched through Vithalnagar shouting Kisan and other revolutionary slogans.—A. P. Special.

### HUNT FOR MINISTERS

(Continued from page 1)

net and in such an event, Mr. Yunus is likely to find a place in the Cabinet probably of seven Ministers Both the parties will consider the question at their respective party meetings to be held some time to-day in Patna to which place all the leaders proceeded early this morning.

The strength of the Moslem Independent party is 22, while that of the Coalition party is 26.

It is understood that Mr. Sinha will see the Governor this evening. —A.P.

### 23 POLITICALS IN BIHAR JAILS

#### Patna Communique Mentions Details

PATNA, Feb. 18.

The following communique has been issued by the Secretary to the Governor:

Of the 23 "political" prisoners who are still in jail in Bihar, eight are undergoing sentences of transportation for life. Seven of them were convicted in 1932 and have thus served less than six years of their sentence: one was convicted in 1934. One prisoner convicted in 1932 in two cases was sentenced to an aggregate of 20 years rigorous imprisonment. Three prisoners convicted in 1936 were sentenced to 14 years rigorous imprisonment. Of the two prisoners undergoing 10 years rigorous imprisonment, one was convicted in 193 and the other in 1933. One prisoner undergoing six years rigorous imprisonment was convicted in 1935. Of the five prisoners undergoing five years rigorous imprisonment, one was convicted in 1931 and the four in 1937. The remaining three were convicted in September, 1937, two to 2-1/2 years rigorous imprisonment and one to 3-1/2 years rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

### U. P. CABINET PROSPECTS

#### Nawab Of Chhatari Contradicts Rumour

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

The Nawab of Chhattari arrived here this afternoon. He will be staying here for three or four days and will be the guest of Sir Mohd. Yakub, Commerce Member of the Government of India.

Interviewed by the United Press the Nawab said that he had only informal talks with the Governor regarding the formation of an interim ministry in the United Provinces, and said that there is no likelihood of any such alternative ministry being formed.

Regarding the rumour that he would act as advisor to the Governor in case the Constitution was suspended, the Nawab said, "It has not at all been talked about."—United Press.

### CONVICTED FOR GAMBLING

#### High Court Holds Fine Was Too Lenient Sentence

The High Court took a very serious view of gambling which is going on in the city and inflicted rigorous imprisonment on the accused who went in appeal for the reduction of the sentences passed by the Chief Presidency Magistrate

The accused were Jadhavji Premji Gandhi and Dhirajlal Panachand Shah, partners in the firm of Jadhavji Premji Gandhi and Company, who were described as commission agents carrying on business in gold, silver and commodities, and having branches at Poona, Ahmedabad and Sholapur.

They were convicted by the Chief Presidency Magistrate of the charges of keeping a gaming house.

They appealed to have the conviction set aside, but the High Court held that the sentence was too lenient. Their Lordships therefore ordered that in addition to the fine of Rs. 1,000 imposed by the Magistrate, they should undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months.

### NEXT STEP TO U. P AND BIHAR CRISIS

#### Other Provinces Should Not Provide Revenue For Opposition, If They Decide To Resign

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, Feb. 18.

Interviewed by "Chronicle" representative Mr. V. N. Jog M.L.A. Dharwar said the situation created by the Governor and the Governor General in interfering with the powers exercisable by the Ministers is certainly deplorable. "I do not think political prisoners' release is a matter in which the Governor-General should think it fit to exercise his special powers. Whether other ministries in Congress provinces should resign in Sympathy would be decided by the Working Committee. But I feel if the Working Committee decides these Ministries should resign in the near future, it is better that they resign immediately before the coming year's budgets are passed. This will enable the Congress members to throw out the budget demands and thus develop a constitutional fight. Congress members should not supply Opposition Ministers money to carry on Government and thus strengthen their position.

FRONTIER GOVERNOR ON THE ALERT

LAHORE, February 18.

The Chief Minister, Dr. Khan Sahib was closetted with His Excellency the Governor for over three hours this morning, says "The Civil and Military Gazette", Peshawar correspondent.

It is unofficially stated that one of the subjects discussed was about the situation that would arise if the Congress headquarters instructed the Frontier Government to follow Bihar and the United Provinces. It is hoped, says the correspondent, that Congress headquarters will make a special case of the Frontier since there is no political prisoner.

The Frontier has always been made a special case by Congress headquarters even in the formation of a Coalition Ministry. To force an artificial crisis in this Province, says the correspondent, would be unfortunate.—United Press.

### 75 p. c. WAGE CUT?

#### "Some Facts" About Kurla Match Factory Strike

Mr. R. M. Jambekar, Secretary of the Kurla Match Kamgar Union in the course of a statement says:

Mr. Gulam Hussain Ebrahim, proprietor of the Bombay Match Works, Kurla has issued a statement accusing us of instigating nearly 500 women workers of his match factory to demand an increase of "33 per cent or more in their wages which have been in vogue since the last four years." And that too "without any justification looking to the present state of the match industry." But before the reader gets shocked about us "instigators" who demand the 33 per cent. wage increase "without any justification" let me point out some facts.

Prior to 1926 Mr. Gulam Hussian used to pay 3 as. 6 ps. to a woman worker of the box-filling department for filling 200 boxes. By 1931 he brought down this wage rate to 2 as. 6 ps. for 200 boxes. And by 1934 he brought it down to 1 anna for 200 boxes. As though this direct wage cut of 71 per cent. and more was not enough he forced these women of the box filling department to fill 225 boxes instead of 200, for the same payment of 1 anna. And this "jutifiable" wage rate has been in vogue since the last four years. Thus, Mr. Gulam Hussian has introduced a wage cut of nearly 75 per cent. since 1926!

The factory Act lays down that 8 weeks wages shall be paid to a woman worker as maternity benefit. But Mr. Gulam Hussain pays at the most 4 weeks wages to some and to the majority not even two weeks wages!

### Red Shirts Meet Jawahar

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

Half a dozen Red shirts of the Frontier Province, who arrived here to-day met Pandit Nehru shortly after conclusion of the Working Committee meeting.—A.P.

A Paris message states:—Well informed quarters confirm that British Government's attention is being drawn to the inconvenience which will result from a purely negative attitude, but it is expected that the matter will develop through normal diplomatic channels.—Reuter.

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# Deficit Budget For Bengal

## Big Closing Balance Is Not Index Of Capacity To Spend More

CALCUTTA, (By Mail.)

FINANCE MINISTER'S SPEECH

The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar in presenting the Budget made a lengthy speech in the course of which he said:

It is customary, Sir, in presenting the Budget to review the accounts of three years—the year for which the accounts have been closed; the year which is expiring but for which only revised estimates are available; and the ensuing year for which budget estimates are presented. I would, however, like to depart from this customary practice for once in regard to the year 1936-37 for which accounts have been closed. I have already said all that I want to say about the accounts for that year, namely, that the forecast of a deficit of about 45 lakhs on the year's working has fortunately proved incorrect. I shall now proceed to a review of the accounts of only two years—the current or the first year—although, strictly speaking, from the point of view of framing the Budget, not a complete year, of provincial autonomy, and the ensuing year, which I may call the first normal year of provincial autonomy.

THE YEAR 1937-36

According to the original estimate this year was to start with an opening balance of 98 lakhs and end with a closing balance of 1 crore and 38 lakhs. The revised estimate places the opening balance at 1 crore 6 lakhs and the closing balance at 1 crore 91 lakhs. This improvement by 53 lakhs is the net result of the following: an increase of 8 lakhs in the opening balance; an increase of 38 lakhs in our revenue receipts; a decrease of 14 lakhs in our expenditure on revenue account; and a decrease of nearly 57 lakhs in the balance outside the revenue account, that is to say, in the working of the Capital and Debt Deposit section of the Budget.

THE YEAR 1938-39

I now turn to the estimate for the coming year.

I place our total revenue in 1938-39 at 13 crores 13 lakhs. This is 30 lakhs below the expected revenue in the current year. But the real decrease is greater still. Owing to a change in accounting procedure dictated by the Auditor-General, interest on irrigation capital outlay is now to be credited under "XX—Interest" instead of being deducted as hitherto from the expenditure shown under "22—Interest." The result is an increase of 22½ lakhs on both sides of the Budget. The real drop in receipts below the Revised for the current year is therefore 52½ lakhs.

This decrease is made up of a number of small increases to a total of about 11 lakhs, counterbalanced by a fall of nearly 63 lakhs under our main heads of revenue. Of this fall of 63 lakhs, 19 lakhs reflect the recent setback in world markets; on account of which, and in consultation with the Government of India, I have placed our receipts from jute duty 17 lakhs lower, and our receipts from income-tax 2 lakhs lower, than in 1937-38. A further 13 lakhs out of the 63 is accounted for by a drop under Land Revenue, not because I estimate that collections will deteriorate, but because the amount of arrears to be collected has been greatly reduced and recoveries on account of settlement operations will also be less as recoveries are almost complete in the case of old settlement operations and no new ones have been undertaken. There is a decline of 4 lakhs under Excise because some large refunds are due to be made and because it is anticipated that, owing to the move for the introduction of prohibition in certain localities, the upward tendency of excise receipts in recent years will be arrested. Finally, there are declines of 7 lakhs under "Stamps" and 19 lakhs under "Other Taxes and Duties." The reason for these is that the taxation measures relating to Stamps, Court-fees, Amusements Tax, Electricity Duty and Tobacco Sales Licensing Fees which were passed in 1935 are due to expire on various dates between June and the end of August 1938. A Bill to continue all of these measures except that relating to Tobacco is on the Agenda of the current session. I trust that it will be passed, but for the budgeting purposes I have not presumed to anticipate the decision of the Legislature.

EXPENDITURE

I now turn to our proposals for expenditure. I place our total expenditure for the coming year at 13¼ crores, which is 1 1/4 crores more than the Revised Estimate for the current year. Out of this, about 22½ lakhs is accounted for by the change in classification of Interest charges on Irrigation Capital outlay to which I have already referred. The balance of about a crore represents expenditure on new schemes for which provision has been included in the Budget. In my last Budget speech, I stressed the necessity of viewing our problems against a human background and observed that our aim was to resurrect the average man, who in this predominantly agricultural country, is the cultivator. In the forefront of a policy and programme directed towards this endeavour, I placed the relief of rural indebtedness, the spread of primary education, and the stimulation of prices of agricultural commodities through improved methods of production and better marketing facilities. Each of these objectives has secured our careful attention and definite steps have been taken towards their realisation within a reasonable period of time.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

I will pause here for a moment to give a brief resume of the financial results of the working of the coming year according to the estimates now presented to the House. We expect to start the year with an opening balance of 1 crore 91 lakhs. Our Revenue Receipts are estimated at 13 crores 13 lakhs and our expenditure on Revenue Account has been placed at 13 crores 24 lakhs. This means that we have to draw upon the opening balance to the extent of 11 lakhs, and that our balance is accordingly reduced 1 crore 80 lakhs. In the Capital and Debt Deposit Section of the Budget there is a net deficit of 5 lakhs on the year's working which further reduces our balance to 1 crore 75 lakhs—the figures shown as our closing balance in the Civil Budget Estimate. This is exclusive of the securities and investments.

CLOSING BALANCE

Let me now make a few general observations on our financial position as disclosed in the previous paragraphs. It is not so prosperous as it might on first sight appear. The Budget for the coming year is really a deficit budget. As I have just stated, expenditure on Revenue Account exceeds receipts on Revenue Account by 11 lakhs, which will be met by drawing upon the balance left on Revenue Account for 1937-38.

Another point of great importance is that the estimated large amount of closing balance for 1938-39 is not entirely a free balance, that is, not by any means a measure of our capacity for further expenditure. The estimated closing balance on both Revenue and Capital Account for 1938-39 is 1 crore 75 lakhs, which together with the value of our securities and investments makes a total balance of 2 crores 80 lakhs. But more than half of this is earmarked on various accounts as follows: 49 lakhs is earmarked on account of the minimum balance which we have to maintain with the Reserve Bank and in the treasuries; 5 lakhs will represent the balance of the amount given to us by the Government of India for expenditure on specified objects such as road development and development of industries; 63 lakhs represents the amount estimated to be left on our hands at the end of the year as a result of the transactions under the Debt Deposit Section of the Budget; 10 lakhs, if the Famine Relief Fund Bill is passed, will be required for payment into the Famine Relief Fund. So the total of these amounts, namely, 1 crore 27 lakhs, though forming part of the closing balance, should be left out of account in assessing our capacity for further expenditure.

And unless we realise this, the writing on the wall is clear.

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Questionnaire For Public Issued

The Adult Education Committee appointed by the Government of Bombay is desirous of obtaining information regarding all Adult Education work now being carried out in the Province. The Committee will appreciate information upon the following points:—

Name organization carrying on work? Where working? 'or' Name of individual establishment? Where located?

Types of education being carried out?

Number of adults reached annually?

What age-groups are reached?

In what languages are the classes carried on?

What text books or other materials are used? Should local dialects be utilized for these materials?

What methods of teaching are employed?

Who are the teachers and what is their training? What supervision of the classes is there?

What is regarded as the criterion of literacy?

How is literacy maintained? What follow-up materials are used? Is any use made of village libraries, etc.

What use, if any, is made of the magic lantern, cinema or radio?

If in connection with an industrial establishment, are the classes being conducted during working hours or before or after work?

How many hours per week? If in a village, at what time and how many hours per week?

What is the monthly cost per pupil? Does the pupil bear any part of the cost?

How is the work financed?

What difficulties are experienced? What motives are appealed to awaken the desire to learn?

What special efforts are being made for the education of women?

Answers to this Questionnaire, or any part of it, should be sent to the Secretary, the Adult Education Committee, Wilson College, Bombay 7, before March 1st.

## IMPERIALIST POWERS AND AFRICA

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anti-Indian policy in economic organisation has been pursued since 1923. Taxation laws also follow the lines of those in Kenya and Uganda. A political union has been strenuously advocated. A Royal Commission examined the question of an East African Federation. Its recommendations supported closer union. The effigies of the British monarch on coinage and stamps distinguish Tanganyika in no way from the Colonies of the Crown. Suggestions have not been lacking that the Kilimanjaro and Usumbara areas of Tanganyika lying adjacent to the border of the British Colony of Kenya should be detached from the Mandated territory and amalgamated with the latter. A similar suggestion in regard to the transfer of the Lake Victoria regions of Tanganyika being amalgamated with the British Protectorate of Uganda has been hinted at. A Three-territories Governors' Conference inspired from Whitehall sits periodically in any one of the three capitals of Eastern Africa and does what a Federal Government ought to be doing or the absence of such an administration ordinarily would prevent being done.

(To Be Concluded.)

## Move To Achieve Unity Among Students

(From A Correspondent)

DELHI, (By Mail).

A meeting of the working committee of the A.I.S.F., elected by the All-India Students' Council, was held on February 13, in Delhi. The following office-bearers were unanimously elected:—

General Secretary: Mr. M. L. Shah, (Bombay); Joint Secretaries Messrs. Ansar Harwani, (Aligarh), Yagya Dutt Sharma, (Delhi), Prabodh Chandra, (Punjab), Shailajanand Bhattacharya, (Bengal); Treasurer: Mr. Shantikumar Master, (Bombay).

The committee discussed the programme of work for the next year and proposals for achieving complete unity among the student ranks. It is understood that the decisions taken by the Committee will go a long way towards solving the problem.

The head office of the All-India Students' Federation will be shifted to Bombay.

Mr. Prabodh Chandra, M.A., President of the Punjab Students' Federation was elected to represent the All-India Students' Federation at the forthcoming World Students' Conference to be held at Budapest in August this year.

The election of the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University will be held in April next. Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan, M.L.A., is the only candidate so far for the Vice-Chancellorship.


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# About Films And Film Stars

George Brent and Anita Louise in "The Go Getter," at Capitol.

*Two Enjoyable Farces*

## "Over She Goes" At Excelsior Is Sheer Comedy

### George Brent & Anita Louise in "The Go Getter" At Capitol

"Over She Goes" is sheer farce. Though it is of the type of entertainment usually classed as musical comedy—and is, indeed, an adaptation of the London stage success of the same name—everyone, we feel sure, will be glad to find that even the romance is almost purely comic and that the songs, although snappy, have been reduced to a minimum, so that free rein can be given to the farce, which is excellent. Though all the members of the cast, both male and female, are entirely competent and pull their weight, it is not unfair to single out for special praise Stanley Lupino and Laddie Cliff, whose joyous fooling is the source of a constant succession of chuckles.

The story is one of those hilarious melanges that hardly call for dissection. Lord Harry and his two pals, Tommy and Billy, having all become engaged at once, the foremost is visited in his palatial home by an ex-fiancee, holding a love letter and determined to marry him. So Billy decides that Tommy must impersonate Lord Harry's dead uncle, thereby conveying the impression that Hary's title is not really his. The sudden arrival of Harry's aunt, who hails "uncle" as her hubby, and then of the real uncle, not dead after all, are additional complications. That all turns out at right in the end is due to the arrival of a huge and dangerous American (impersonated by Max Baer), whom the ex-fiancee falls for.

#### *"The Go Getter" At Capitol*

That irascible but lovable old seafaring character created by Peter B. Kyne-Cappy Ricks—comes to life on the screen in the Cosmopolitan comedy-drama "The Go Getter" which opens to-day at the Capitol Theatre. Charles Winninger, well be remembered as the Cap'n Andy of both stage and screen versions of "Show Boat" plays Cappy in this

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Fred Astaire in "Damsel In Distress", the film of P. G. Wodehouse's famous novel, this week's attraction at Regal.

## *Fred Astaire Comes To Regal In P. G. Wodehouse Story*

## 'Awful Truth' Irene Dunne Comedy At Eros; 'London By Night' At Wellington

Sparkling with catchy Gershwin tunes and with one of P. G. Wodehouse's most hilarious stories of English social life as its basis, RKO Radio's new film "A Damsel in Distress" comes to-day at the Regal Theatre to present Fred Astaire in his first picture with George Burns and Gracie Allen (and without Ginger Rogers!) The film has been planned throughout to afford the wing-footed favourite exceptional opportunities for novelty dances and comedy and with its uproarious plot and its tuneful melodies, it is said to be one of the real screen events of the season.

Joan Fontaine has the title-role and Reginald Gardiner, Ray Noble, Constance Collier, Montagu Love, Harry Watson and other celebrities head the cast of the musical romance, which deals with a fantastic love affair between an American dancer and a titled British girl. Astaire is the dancer, a bashful and retiring man who has been given a great boost in the London papers as a "heart-breaker" through the efforts of his publicity agents, Burns and Allen, and who is heartily sick of the whole thing. Miss Fontaine plays the girl, who is trying to avoid a distasteful marriage, while her servants, at Totleigh Castle are violently divided on the question of whom she should marry, and have organized their own sweepstakes on the event.

THEY MEET IN A CAB.

The two principals meet in a London cab, and then thanks to a page-boy who has his own ideas about romance, are brought together again at the Castle. By this time Astaire has been led to believe Miss Fontaine is secretly in love with him and the story immediately spreads. Burns and Allen devote their efforts toward getting Astaire out of the entanglement and back on the stage while Montagu Love as Miss Fontaine's indulgent old father, secretly backs Astaire's prospects. Constance Collier as Miss Fontaine's imperious aunt, does her best to push Ray Noble forward as the prospective bridegroom, while the two factions among the servants headed by the page boy, Harry Watson, and the butler, Reginald Gardiner, strive valiantly for the respective candidates, and manage to tangle matters in hilarious fashion. Through all this Astaire weaves a dizzy course, singing seven of the song numbers in the film and performing five new dance routines. The songs, written by the late George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, are likewise hailed as tops in the melodic field.

A scene from "Escadrille" starring Paul Muni, revived this week at Broadway.

#### *"London By Night"*

Combining the advanced technique of the screen with the established artistry of the stage, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer brings to the Wellington this week "London By Night," an adaptation of Will Scott's famous stage play "The Umbrella Man."

George Murphy, talented dancer of Broadway and Hollywood has the masculine romantic role. He appears as a determined newspaper reporter. Rita Johnson, former Broadway star, makes her screen debut opposite him. The supporting cast is excellent. The story reveals the London of tradition, gloomy to outward appearance in its veil of fog but gay and dramatic in the lights of night clubs.

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delightful movie. He isn't the "go getter". That individual is the tall, handsome Irish star George Brent, who is in love with Cappy's daughter, portrayed by the lovely blonde star, Anita Louise. George and Anita carry the romantic interest of the show. But neither—nor both—can steal away the audience's affection for old Cappy. It is quite a well-balanced cast, that portrays this famous yarn of Mr. Kyne's.

Brent is a member of the crew of the famous dirigible "Macon," which plunged into the Pacific Ocean a few years ago. This plunge is shown on the screen—one of the most astonishing things the movies have ever done. Bill Austin—the character played by Brent—loses a leg in the accident is mustered out of the Navy, and must find himself a job in civil life. That's how he meets up with Cappy Ricks and Cappy's daughter. He is put through all sorts of tests by Cappy and the girl before he wins them both over. But he does win them both and that's the story of "The Go Getter." An ocean-going honeymoon from which the bride and groom swim home is one of the best comedy scenes on the screen.

In conjunction with the above picture Signor Galibardi, Escapologist and Magician (alias Bling Houdini) will give his wonderful performance for about 20 minutes at every show commencing from Saturday, 19th instant.

Eddie Quillan, Rita Johnson, Leo G. Carroll in "London By Night"

(at Wellington.)

#### *"Awful Truth" At Eros*

Irene Dunne, who unceremoniously cut loose from a career of stately roles to indulge cinematically in wild whimsies and hysterical insanities in "Theodora Goes Wild," will again be seen in an all-comedy role in Columbia's "The Awful Truth," which is this week's attraction at the Eros Theatre. Cary Grant this time serves as Miss Dunne's screen partner with such favorites in support as Ralph Bellamy, Cecil Cunningham, Alexander D'Arcy, Robert Allen, Joyce Compton and Esther Dale.

Leo McCarey, best remembered for his "Ruggles of Red Gap," directed "The Awful Truth," which Vina Delmar, author of "Bad Girl," adapted to the screen from the original stage play by Arthur Richman.

Prior to her memorable performance in "Theodora Goes Wild," which won for her the title of as "the screen's Theodorable sweetheart."

THE DOG IN THE CASE!

In "The Awful Truth" Miss Dunne is seen as the prim, staid wife of Cary Grant, a bounder of sorts who simply can't get used to marriage ties. He takes an innocent vacation in the guise of a business trip and returns to find his wife has been out all night with a romantic foreign vocal teacher. The car, she explains, broke down and they were forced to spend a night at an inn. Accusations and recriminations fill the air before Mr. and Mrs. decide to separate. In court the only bone of contention proves to be Mr. Smith, the prolific wire-hair terrier, Asta, of "The Thin Man" series. Irene wins custody of the pup but the court allows Cary to visit the dog, once a month.

Affairs take their merry course until Cary expresses his intentions of marrying a pretty young thing with a social register background as soon as the divorce is final. Irene then puts Theodora's wild forays to shame with her actions in the climatic scene wherein she tries to impress on Park Avenue that young Cary is not the sort to be marrying wealthy, pretty young things.

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stantial in thier weekly fare. But it is interesting to note that Professor A. M. Low, a well-known British economist, is featured in the Gaumont British Cine Magazine showing this week at the Excelsior in a talk on Mechanization and its social implications. His attitude is, of course, "reformist" (or he won't be featured in a news-reel!) but yet it is good to hear such an eminent authority talking about a vital world problem on the screen.

A scene from "Over She Goes", a rollicking farce at Excelsior.

*The Week's Revivals*

## Muni Film, "Escadrille", Comes To Broadway

### 'Slave Ship' And 'Under Two Flags' At Palace—Two Thrillers At Edward

An intimate picture of the life of a French flying squadron behind the lines during the World War is dramatically presented in RKO Radio's thrilling screen play "Escadrille," with the famous Paul Muni, Mariam Hopkins and Louise Hayward in the leading roles.

Fate plays one of its grotesque tricks on young Hayward, a lieutenant in the French flying service when he is assigned as the flying mate of Muni with whose wife Hayward has fallen desperately in love.

Mariam Hopkins loves her husband, but finds herself "in" love with the younger and more glamorous man. Each man, caring more for his flying mate than he would for a brother, and each madly in love with the wife, the aviators are thrown into turbulent emotional conflict with crisis of high drama.

#### *Wallace Beery In Sea Drama*

A spectacular drama of the sea, 'Slave Ship," comes to The Palace this week. It is Twentieth Century-Fox's most spectacular production of 1937, starring Warner Baxter and Wallace Beery in a tale of the slave trading era, with Elizabeth Allan and Mickey Rooney in the leading supporting roles.

In the story Baxter plays a Yankee sea captain, who plans to give up the slave traffic, but who is double-crossed by his mutinous crew, under the influence of Wallace Beery. Thus the voyage he planned as a honeymoon with his young bride, Elizabeth, becomes a slave-running adventure, with the couple continuously in danger of death.

To Warner Baxter falls one of the most colourful roles of his career, as a romantic scourge of two oceans, defying the navies of all the world and fighting at last for love in the greatest adventure of all. Opposite him is Wallace Beery, in a role that dwarfs all the famed actor's previous sea roles. As the villainous mate of the last slaver, Beery makes the big-fisted, bull-headed seaman a figure of continuous interest, genial and treacherous to his dying breath.

EXTRA MORNING SHOW

During the extra morning show on this Sunday, The Palace will show "Under Two Flags," Twentieth Century-Fox's glorious spectacle drama starring Ronald Colman, Claudette Colbert and Victor McLaglen.

#### *Double Programme At Edward*

More thrills than a three-ring circus, excitement, melo-dramatic lure in this action packed feature "Social Error" will be shown at the Edward this week.

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#### *Well-Known Economist Featured In News-Reel*

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Irene Dunne and Cary Grant in "The Awful Truth" (Eros)

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*Our East African Letter*

# Highlands, Great Store Of Economic Wealth

## *INDIANS TO OPPOSE PROPOSED ORDER-IN-COUNCIL*

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
JINJA, (Uganda)
(BY AIR MAIL.)

The most outstanding of the events in Kenya has been the fourteenth session of the Eastern Africa Indian National Congress in Nairobi on the first and second of January. The last session had been held in Mombasa in December 1934. The institution must have heaved a sigh of relief at being released from the shackles of Mombasa where a liberal group of armchair politicians held it prisoner for nearly four years. Its return to its place of birth and home is to be welcomed, for Nairobi is politically minded and is fond of controversies and conflicts.

DEMAND FOR A COMMON ELECTORAL ROLL.

The demand for a common electoral roll finds itself embodied in a formal resolution that would cut no ice anywhere. In fact there is an air of unreality about it which nobody may fail to see. It could hardly be otherwise with Indian Members whole-heartedly participating in the present Legislature constituted on a communal franchise and amending the details of the electoral law so as to suit the convenience of political cliques. A few years ago the issue was live enough to warrant non-participation and deputation to London. It is now as dead as a dead match and is only capable of being tossed about harmlessly in political games.

CLOVE POSITION IN ZANZIBAR.

There have been sympathetic and appreciative resolutions and speeches about the Clove position in Zanzibar. Some zest was added to the proceedings by the presence of a few delegates from the Emerald Island. In fact Zanzibar has up to now maintained an attitude of sympathetic neutrality towards the Congress shown by the occasional loan of its best orator. Dr. Anantani to Kenya whenever needed. It is true that Kenya could do not very much for it in its hour of need. Still the sympathy and appreciation of the Indian Community of Kenya goes for much. It is however to be distinctly welcomed that the adjacent territories should feel interested in the Congress. Tanganyika also seems to have dropped its reserve and listened to the advice of Sjt. Govind Das who expressed an opinion that the representative character of the Congress vis-a-vis all the four territories should be restored.

THE HIGHLANDS QUESTION.

The place of the Common Roll in the politics of Kenya has now been occupied by the Highlands and rightly so. It is quite true that the Highlands are a great storehouse of economic wealth and that community which successfully commands them and makes them pay will determine the future of the Colony. Though the E.A.I.N. Congress to-day holds the same position with respect to the general mass of the Indian Community as the Indian National Congress in India held in 1910-15, its prestige is still great and if occasion arises, its call to action will be answered from everywhere.

Its resolve to send out a deputation to India for awakening and educating Indian opinion on the question of the Highlands and to organise a vigorous agitation against the proposed Order-in-Council has alarmed the European Press.

WHAT EAST AFRICAN STANDARD SAYS.

East African Standard, the mouthpiece of the European non-official community in a leader headed Indian Claims' states: The White Highlands of Kenya are sacrosanct. They represent the area where suitable climatic conditions prevail for the building up in this part of the Empire of a strong British Community from which can radiate the civilizing influences required in the great business of transforming and defending this part of Africa and the African peoples.

In the opinion of the "Standard." "The settlers of Kenya will be well within their rights in asking for something more definite than an Order-in-Council. The people of Kenya have been called upon in the past to face a barrage of agitation from India on matters of domestic concern: They should prepare themselves to do so again, if need be, strong in the faith that they should win." It may be expected that the European Community will endeavour to resort to Lynch Law once again—It did so in 1923; It miserably failed then and its own violence must defeat its purpose now.

THE COTTON SEASON IN UGANDA.

The Cotton Season in the Eastern Province of Uganda opened on the 5th January. The whole buying and ginning side of the industry is in Indian hands. Highly paid representatives of Bombay firms arrive in the territory, ginneries and stores are cleaned up, underpaid and half-starved Indian subordinates are indentured and elaborate preparations are made to squeeze out as much profit out of cotton within the four months of the season as would enable the maintenance of a few luxurious households in Bombay, Porbander, Kampala and Jinja and first class voyage between Bombay and Uganda twice a year.

The prices paid to the grower are very low, the ginning fees for those who do not possess ginneries are very high and there is no searchlight anywhere in the Protectorate or India which could illuminate the horrible conditions of life led by Buyers, Transport Agents, Clerks and the African Farmers. In spite of the hidden hells of industrial and capitalist organisation the whole country suddenly springs into life on the opening day of the season. This year however the ginnery compounds were deserted as the Native Peasantry had decided that no cotton should be taken to ginneries.

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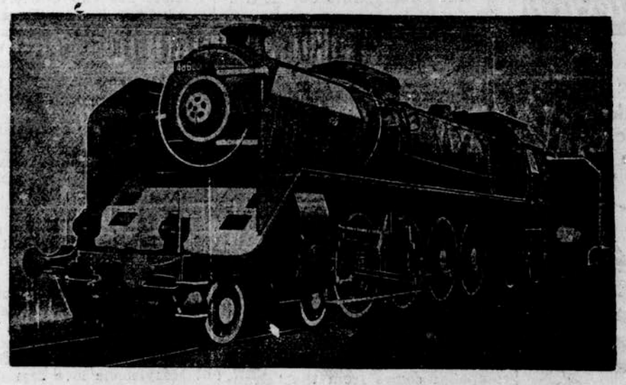

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**Muslim M.L.A.'s Plea For Hindu-Muslim Unity**

(From Our Correspondent.)
KARAD, Feb. 14.

Without Hindu-Muslim unity, the problem of our country's freedom cannot be solved. Before we enter into the fruitless and the never-ending discussions on the question of joint and separate electorates, I think it is highly desirable that we should come to a mutual understanding. At present I think that the problem of joint and separate electorate is merely superficial. So far as we do not tackle the primary question of Hindu-Muslim unity, we shall be living in a world of self-delusion. Without it we are trying to build national unity without foundation. This is a fundamental mistake that we are committing. So far as we do not solve our communal question, all our attempts in other direction will be in vain." Thus said Khan Saheb Haji Ahmed Husain when interviewed by our correspondent at his residence at Karad. He further stated, "I believe in joint electorate. I admit that separate electorate has done more harm than good to our country. But under the present atmosphere of distrust between the two sister communities in India, joint electorate in practice will be an utter failure. What we want first is the creation of faith and trust between the two communities.

I have been the president of the Karad Municipality for the last twelve years. Out of the 15 members of the municipality only two are Muslims including myself. Still I am regularly being elected as the president by a combined majority of Hindu and Muslim members. The reason for this is not far to seek. My Hindu brothers have complete faith in me.

I therefore strongly appeal to the prominent and accredited leaders of the two communities, to come together in order that there should be presented a united front in fighting out our country's political and economic emancipation.

At present, there is possibility of a talk likely to take place between Mr. Jinnah or Pandit Jawaharlal. I sincerely hope that these two great leaders of our country, will come to a definite understanding once and for ever.

**Tenants Meeting To Support Rent Control Bill**

Under the auspices of the "F" Ward Committee of the Bombay Tenants' Association, a public meeting of the tenants will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Hall of "The Kamgar Special English Classes" premises in the New Haji Kassam Building at Currey Road, at which the President of the Association, Mr. S. C. Joshi, M.L.C., is expected to preside. Messrs. S. D. Jogleker, R. S. Prabhu, Advocate, Dr. A. V Naik, Messrs. Mahadev Khem Palav, R. T. Masurker, S. L. Waradker, Golathker, B. A Dhuri and S. N. Gokhale are expected to speak in support of Mr. Joshi's proposed Rent Bill, and its urgency and necessity. After the meeting, grievances of the tenants will be noted down for suitable action to be taken thereon later on.


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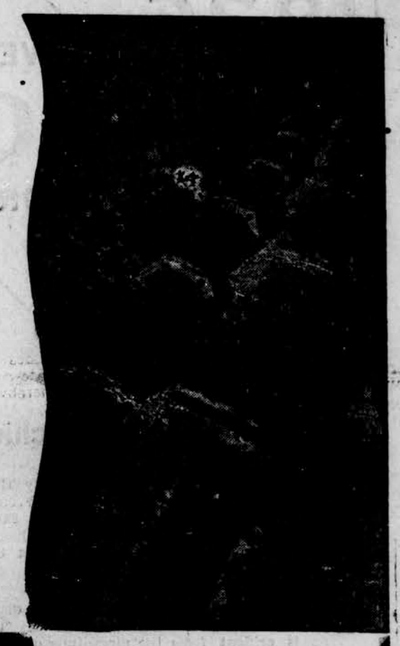

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The itinerary to be absorbed includes some of the most tempting features of Western Travel that have ever been offered to Indian Tourists in an organised tour of this kind. The programme has been planned throughout with the emphasis on individual comfort and enjoyment but it will nevertheless cater in a marked degree for business and professional interests.

COST OF TOUR.

The cost of the tour is two thousands five hundred rupees for one person including all arrangements. The management is in the hands of a well-known Indian travel organisation Messrs. The Indo-Burma Trading Company Limited. A book-let has been published which contains all information about the proposed tour.

## *DULL NEWS AND POOR MUSIC*

### *Arab Opinion Of B. B. C. Broadcast*

(From Our Correspondent.)
JERUSALEM (By Air Mail).

"News dull, music poor"—that is the average Arab verdict on the B. B. C. Arabic broadcasts.

The general criticism of the B. B. C. programme by the average Arab gives us the following picture.—

News: Not enlivened by comment; deals too much with world affairs, insufficiently with local doings.

Music: Uninteresting to Arabs, as it is of Western type.

By contrast the Italian Arabic broadcasts from Bari are found to have spicy news-though admittedly much of it false and flagrantly anti-British-while the music is Arabic and excellently performed by famous Arab artists.

It is suggested that records should be made, if Arab artists cannot be obtained in London. Comment should be added to the news, Since London began the broadcasts, Bari has embellished its programme with new singers, specially invited from Egypt. Bari's news has also become even more anti-British. In 20 minutes of news from Bari only the other day, there were 12 anti-British items four of which were pure fiction

Italian agents in Palestine, Transjordan and Syria are reported to be endeavouring to lock all sets present by them to Arab cafes so as to prevent them being tuned in to any station but Bari.

**Sarvadeshik Arya-Dharma Parishad**

(From Our Correspondent.)
SURAT, Feb. 16.

During the Congress Week just opposite Vithalnagar, on the River Tapti (bank side) Aryanagar, a Pandal has been erected. Sanitary arrangements are provided by organisers. Sarvadeshik Arya Dharma Parishad will be held from 19th to 21st inst., when Professor Indra, son of late Shraddhanand will preside.

Visitors and others intending to go to Aryanagar have to take route (via Kim, B. B. & C. I. Rly.) as it is the only convenient route for Aryanagar.

**TUBE WELLS FOR BARODA**

(From Our Correspondent.)
BARODA, (By Mail).

His Highness the Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda is leaving for a tour of Amreli district on 13th. He will inaugurate the Kodinar Prachi railway on 15th

A scheme of digging eight tube wells at a cost of about Rs. 30,000 has been sanctioned by the Government.

His Highness has issued an order that instead of inflicting smaller punishments to State servants it should be generally seen that strict and effective punishment is meted out to check wrong-doing

# LATHI CHARGE ON PICKETS

**Birla Mill Strike Developments**

(From A Correspondent).
DELHI, Feb. 17.

Yesterday was the 24th day of the Birla Mill Strike.

A Lathi charge was made on peaceful pickets and several including one woman were injured.

Over thirty arrests including the Secretary of the Union have been effected.

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# FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

## Gleanings From The World Press

(From Our London Correspondent)

An Englishman had a bit of a shock in strolling into Covent Garden to find Japanese apples on sale. He understood that they were Jonathans. The price, he was told, was round about seven shillings per case of 40lb.

"Now", the Englishman writes, "in my opinion, we have plenty enough of American Jonathans competing with our English varieties, but I do think this is adding insult to injury to have consignments sent from Japan. It cannot pay the Japanese fruit-grower to send them to this country at that price, and I can only surmise that he is subsidised".

**Women And Cambridge Union**

Cambridge has once again been plunged into controversy over the admission of women to membership of the Union.

The opening salvo in the latest campaign comes from the "Granta", which has published a symposium of Union officers' views. These range from the "I like women but I don't like to hear them speak", of the president, Mr. John Simonds, to Mr. Frank Singleton "I would welcome them".

A majority of three-fourths is required to alter the Union rules. The next step in the campaign is application to the president for a poll. This would in no case take place until towards the end of term and may be turned down, as a similar proposal was defeated less than three years ago by 81 votes. Neither Oxford nor Cambridge admits women to membership of the Union. Both houses have repeatedly rejected motions to admit them, though as visitors they are welcome.

One of their most impassioned Cambridge advocates, nine years ago, was Lord Listowel, then, as Mr. W. F. Hare, serving his apprenticeship as a champion of lost causes. It was during another debate at about the same time that Mr. Lionel Gamlin, later president of the Union and now a B.B.C. announcer, perpetrated a mot which, unacknowledged, has cropped up again in 1938. Referring to the proposal to admit women as full members, Mr. Gamlin declared himself unalterably opposed to "the thin end of the wench".

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It is learnt that Japanese agents have had instructions to get hold of every ton possible of copper, lead, and zinc from the British Columbia mines. Maximum prices are being offered, for Japanese stocks of these materials are dangerously light.

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"While British capitalists in Canada are making money out of the conquest of China, British Imperialists in India are thoroughly alarmed over the situation", says a Sunday newspaper, which adds, "there is no tremendous activity in military circles, and reorganisation schemes are being speeded up. Jute mills are turning out 4,000,000 a week.

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Dr. Negrin, Prime Minister of Spain, has replied to a letter from the Independent Labour Party asking him to release all anti-Fascist prisoners in Government gaols "with a view to securing working-class unity in Spain against the Fascists".

"For the moment", Dr. Negrin writes, "I can only answer with the affirmation that the Government of the Spanish Republic is, in fact, governed by intentions which coincide with your wishes, and that they will very promptly be realised".

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A meeting has been summoned by the National Peace Council at the House of Commons on February 8 to consider the Van Zealand Report.

Since the publication of its national memorial on "Peace and Economic Co-operation", the Council has been much concerned on this aspect of the peace problem. The chairman of the meeting will be Mr. George Lansbury, whose recent first-hand examination of the economic situation in Central and South-Eastern Europe will here be particularly valuable. Sir Andrew McFadyean will make the first speech and Mr. C. R. Attlee will take part in the discussion.

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Uriah Butler, the ringleader of the Trinidad riots, is a negro cobler with a limp and a magnetic personality. Officialdon has described him as "part lunatic, part fanatic, and part poet."

His father was a blacksmith and a fanatical member of the Anglican Church in Grenada. During the war Butler fought for Britain in Palestine and Egypt. Afterwards he returned to Trinidad to work in the oil-fields, where he has been organising the workers. That explains why he is a "part lunatic, part fanatic and part poet."

In the St. Marylebone division an interesting situation is likely to arise over its choice in the next Parliament.

There are two Conservative organisations in the division: the Marylebone Constitutional Union, which is associated with Captain Cunnigham-Reid, the man who recently used his rich wife in court, and the Marylebone Conservative Association

If Captain Cunnigham-Reid contests the constituency again, it is almost certain that members of the Conservative Association will put up a Conservative candidate to oppose him. It is understood that their choice is likely to be Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, Sir Philip has lived in the constituency for many years and is well known there. He has not decided yet, however, whether he would agree to contest the seat.

Meanwhile Captain Cunnigham-Reid's mother has said "the people of Marylebone love him (her son) and he would not dream of resigning." The mother did not say in what form the people of Marylebone have been manifesting their love since last week. (since the settlement of the "rich-wife" suit) nor does she say whether the Conservative Central Office has also sent its love to her son.

**French Boxer Honoured**

George Carpentier has been appointed a Knight of the Legion of Honour. A good many years ago his faithful manager and "Sancho Panza", Descamps, was indignant that he had not received this distinction, and talked to friends eloquently on the subject after a big London fight.

This is the first time a boxer has been thus honoured. Possibly the former champion is rewarded for his stage activities, though these have not extended beyond sundry appearances in revue. It is curious, however, that foreign rather than French artists are favoured in this way. American actor, the late James Hackkett, was given the Legion of Honour after he had played Macbeth at the Odeon. "Perhaps it was because he only played it once," was Lucien Guitry's acid comment.

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"Pate believes tennis King will play in money ranks this fall". Such is the heading in an American newspaper to an interview with Mr. Walter Pate, the U. S. Davis Cup captain, regarding the future of Donald Budge

The professional lawn tennis season, unlike the amateur season, starts in the autumn, for most of the big money matches are staged in covered court. Budge is expected, after defending his title at Wimbledon, and the Davis Cup in his own country, to accept the £10,000 guarantee which is reported to have been offered him. If he turns the champion will be following the precedent of Vines, and Perry. Both of these toured Australia the winter before they became professionals.

**The Australian Team**

Don Bradman's team is assured of financial success before it starts on its journey to England. A sports critic was at the Oval on Saturday last (January 29) and he saw the plans for the reserved accommodation for the final test. Although the match is still more than six months ahead half of the seats have already been sold. More than that are booked for the opening day.

Seats have been offered to the general public only since the beginning of the month. Before that members of the Surrey county club were given the pick of the accommodation. A similar rule has been followed at the other grounds where the Tests are being played. Incidentally, Oval accommodation is being resedved only for four days. If played to a finish the match may well last longer.

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Herr Erich Remarque, the author of "All Quiet on the Western Front", is going to London to learn English. When he has mastered the language he will go on a lecture tour in the United States.

He is also putting the finishing touches to two new works. One is a novel, which has no war motive. The other is a play, planned as a comedy with a serious background. Recently Remarque was remarried quietly to his first wife, from whom he was divorced in 1931. She is the daughter of a German-Italian merchant of Hanover. She is regarded as one of the most beautiful women in Europe, and is certainly one of the most photographed in Continental newspapers.

**Baron Von Neurath**

Baron Von Neurath, the German Foreign Minister, celebrated his 65th birthday recently. He thus reached the normal age-limit for German officials.

It is learnt, however, that despite the general Nazi reshuffle, his retirement is not at present contemplated. As a Minister he can and will retain, beyond the statutory age-limit, the office which he has now held for nearly six years. Meanwhile, the German commercial world is being shaken by a new wave of anti-Semitism engineered by the more radical element of the Nazi Party.

Dr. Otto Jiedels, the noted banker, has been obliged to resign from the board of the Handels-Gesellschaft, one of the foremost private banking firms of Berlin. His resignation, which will be a severe loss to the German banking community, is due to the new Nazi rule by which any firm is regarded as Jewish where even a single Jew is in the management or in a position of authority.

Not only Berlin but the City of London recognises Dr. Jiedels as one of the brains of the banking world. He visited London in 1932, as a kind of financial ambassador, to negotiate an interest reduction on Germany's foreign commercial debts. His resignation will protect his firm from a new confidential decree which has been issued to the Chamber of Commerce. By this all business firms regarded as Jewish are now to suffer a cut of ten per cent. in their quotas of foreign exchange and of raw materials. It is hoped that this will force them to liquidate or sell to Aryans.

**Litvinoff's Bodyguard**

On all his visits to foreign countries M. Litvinoff takes his own bodyguard with him. This generally consists of three or four Agpu agents.

His travels to Geneva and Paris involve a 24 hours' railway journey across Poland. As he already has his own bodyguard, it is not necessary for him to ask the Polish authorities for special protection. He presence is thus officially unknown to them.

This led to a significant incident a few days ago at the main Warsaw station when M. Litvinoff was on his way to Geneva. He was travelling by the Nord Express to Berlin. Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, the American Amabassador to Poland, who was returning to Washington for a short visit joined the train at Warsaw.

Although it was midday the blinds in M. Litvinoff's compartment were tightly drawn and the door guarded. This enabled the Foreign Office officials who were on the platform bidding Mr. Biddle "au revoir" to pretend they had no idea M. Litvinoff was there.

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WHAT THEYY SAY:

Those who believe in the profit system must recognise that those who forget profits when business is good must bear losses when business is temporarily slack.—President Roosevelt.

Great architects and artists have the right to be withdrawn from critical observations by their small contemporaries.—Herr Hitler.

The Chinese National Government has plunged the 400,000,000 people of China into depths of suffering and misery.—Mr. Hirota.

William the Conqueror, a folio edition of Al Capone.—Mr. Sinclair Lewis.

If Socialism meant what Moscow imposes I would not want it.—Mr. John MacGovern, M.P.

It is not much use girls being able to translate Latin prose if they cannot mend their own stockings or scramble their own eggs.—Miss Thelma Cazalet, M.P.

We are all feeble-minded as compared with Newton, and we are all more or less mad as compared with the ideal of sanity.—Mr. Bertrand Russell.

Patronage is the lifeblood of Art.—Mr. Adrian Allinson.

Unless we establish equality between the children of all classes in the nation, almost everything else that we do is condemned to futility.—Dr. Mallon.

Our adversaries are never right. If they were right they would be National Socialists—Herr Robert Wagner.

### *Propaganda For Rent Bill*

At the monthly meeting of the Managing Board of the Bombay Tenants' Association held on Saturday last, in the "D" Ward office (Soman Building), Girgaum Road, it was decided to hold meetings throughout the city in several wards to support Mr. S. C. Joshi's Rent Bill which is expected to come for the first reading in the Bombay Council in the first week of March.

It was also resolved to observe a Tenants' week from Sunday, 20th February, to Sunday 27th February, during which meetings will be held in the different parts of the city and signatures on the memorial to be submitted to the President of the Council will be taken

The Tenants' week will terminate with the holding of a mammoth meeting on the Chowpatty Sands at which well-known speakers of Bombay will address in support of the Bill.

A special cinema show is also proposed to be arranged during the said week in aid of the Association's activities.

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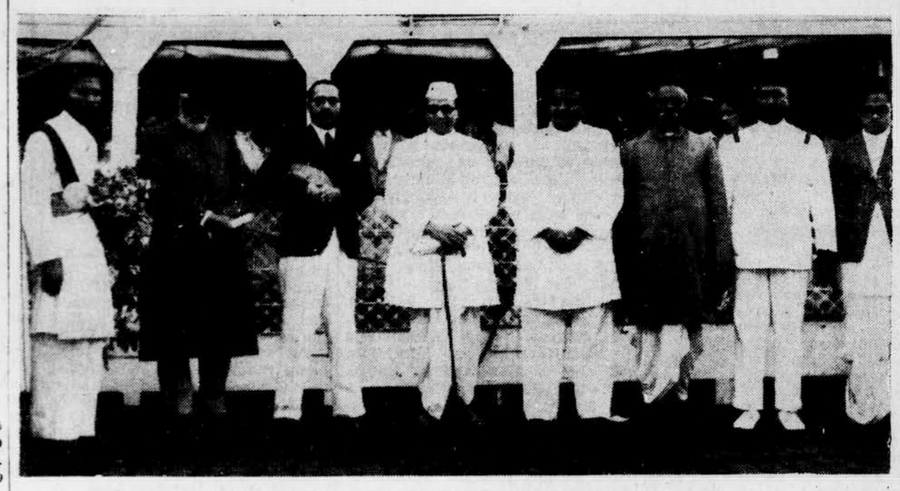


Group-photo taken at the time of the departure of the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher to Ratnagiri by the B. S. N. Co's Steamer "Chandravatee".

## CAR DASHES AGAINST SEA-WALL

### Four Occupants Have Miraculous Escape

BOMBAY, Friday.

A Spaniard working as a bandsman in the Taj Mahal Hotel has been arrested by the police in connection with a motor accident which took place in the early hours of this morning at the Marine Drive in front of the Government Printing Press, Charni Road.

The car alleged to have been driven by the Spaniard, it appears, was proceeding along the Marine Drive from Church Gate. When it neared the Government Printing Press, it is stated that it suddenly mounted the footpath and dashed against the sea-wall. The impact was so severe that the car turned upside down and perched on the wall.

Four inmates of the car including two ladies had a miraculous escape. They jumped out of the car before it dashed against the wall.

## MORE ARRESTS IN MYSORE

### Order Issued Against Prominent Congress Legislator

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE (By Mail).

Before he had hardly enjoyed a twenty-four hours freedom Mr. Thimmareddi, a prominent Congress worker, was again arrested at Shimoga on the 10th instant and he has been brought down to Bangalore.

Mr. Thimmareddi, it may be recalled, was arrested sometime back and charges had been framed on him on two charges. On one charge he had been sentenced to suffer 18 months' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 1,000 and he was acquitted only on Tuesday by the Mysore High Court on a revision petition having been filed. Now he has again been arrested and it is understood he will be tried for the other charge which had been pending for judgment.

ORDER AGAINST LEGISLATOR

The Bangalore City Magistrate has issued an order under Section 108, 112 and 117(3) Cr. P. C. against Mr. H. K. Veeranna Gowda leader of the Congress party in the Mysore Assembly directing him to appear before the Court on 17th inst. and to show cause why he should not be ordered to execute a bond for a sum of Rs. 2,000 with two securities for Rs. 1,000 each for good behaviour for a period of one year.

It is likely that Mr. Gowda may not furnish the securities asked for.

## G. I. P. Workers Welcome Resignation Of Cabinets

Mr. S. H. Jhabvala writes:

At a huge gathering of Railway Workers and the general public held at Matunga on Friday the following resolutions were passed:

"This meeting emphatically protests against the interference by Imperial Government in the constitutional function of Congress Ministry in U.P. and Bihar and fully supports the U.P and Bihar Congress Ministry in their bold step in respect of release of political prisoners.

This meeting is of considered opinion that the emancipation of the Indian working class is inseparably connected with India's national struggle for freedom and that without complete national independence, there can be no improvement of deteriorating condition of workers and peasants and the masses of the country.

This meeting, therefore, expresses determination to participate in India's struggle for freedom and urges upon the Indian national Congress to intensify the anti-imperialist struggle with a view to fight the imperialist offensive in the form of proposed Federation.

The meeting has sent the following telegram to the President of the Indian National Congress:

The G.I.P. Railway workers heartily welcome the resignations of the U.P. and Bihar Ministries. Workers stand behind Congress in National struggle.

## Cawnpore Riot Inquiry

CAWNPORE, Feb. 18.

Mr. Pannalal, Commissioner of Allahabad Division, has concluded his enquiry into the riot, which occurred on February 6. A number of officials were examined to-day including Mr. Owen, Collector, Mr. G. A. Pearce, Superintendent of Police and Khan Sahib Abdul Karim, the City Kotwal.—A.P.

## CROWN APPEAL REJECTED

### Babar Akali Conspiracy Case Echo

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

A division bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of Mr. Justice Dalip Singh and Mr. Justice Bhide pronounced orders yesterday in a murder case, acquitting Ujjagar Singh and confirming the death sentence passed on Kartar Singh, the other appellant.

The case arose as a sequel to the murder of Anup Singh, an approver in the Babar Akali Conspiracy Case, and his 10-year old son, Malkiat Singh, in village Manko (Jullundur District) on the night intervening June 18 and 19, 1936, in which both the appellants were convicted.

The Crown appeal for the enhancement of the sentence of transportation for life passed against Ujjagar Singh to one of death, was rejected by their lordships.—United Press.

## Aligarh 'Varsity Vice-Chancellorships

ALIGARH, Feb. 17.

The election of the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University will be held in April next. Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan, M.L.A., is the only candidate so far for the Vice-Chancellorship.

The election for the 32 seats falling vacant by the end of February will take place by the last week of March next. Among these 32 seats, 10 will be filled up by registered graduates, 9 by donors and 13 by the representatives of the All-India Muslim Education Board. Sir Yamin Khan, M.L.A., (Central), is among the candidates to contest these seats.—United Press.

## 1,700 WORKERS DOWN TOOLS

ASANSOL, Feb. 18.

Seventeen hundred workmen of the Indian Standard Wagon Company's works, Burnpur, downed tools this morning.

The workmen's grievances are low wages and insufficient work.

The management states that the strikers must first resume work and then their grievances will be considered.

The strikers are peaceful.—A. P.

## HEAVY SNOWFALL IN KASHMIR

JAMMU (Tawi), Feb. 17.

Owing to the heavy snowfall in Kashmir valley, communications are dislocated

Enquiries made from official sources show that the Kashmir State telegraph and telephone lines are quite in order but the telegraph lines between Uri and Chenari on Rawalpindi-Srinagar Road are seriously damaged.

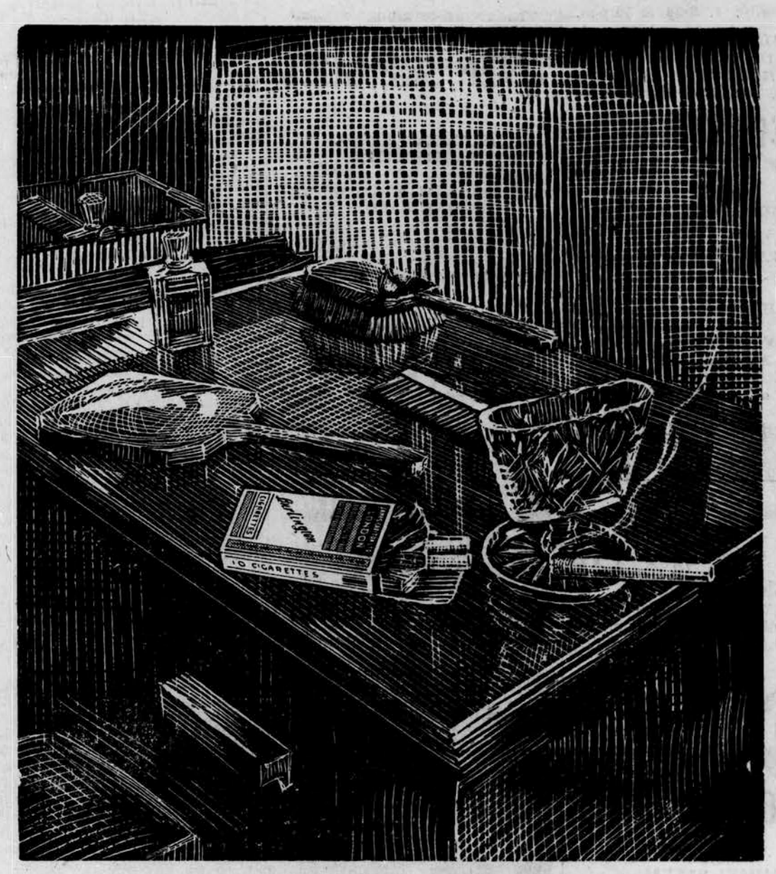
At the Postmaster Generals' request, all telegraphic communications from Imperial telegraphs are being transmitted to and from Srinagar on the State lines.—A.P.

## Shahidgunj Day In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 18.

A public meeting of Muslims was held this evening in a big Mosque in Triplicane in observance of Shahidgunj Dad.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan presiding said at the last word had not yet been uttered on the subject. It was absolutely necessary that an appeal should be preferred to the Privy Council. The speaker assured the Punjab Muslims that their coreligionists of Madras would solidly stand by them in their attempts for the restoration of the Mosque.—A. P.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| Peshawar and Lucknow Express | 6 15 | 23 00 |
| Calcutta Mail via Nagpur | 7 40 | 17 50 |
| Calcutta Mail via Chheoki | 8 25 | 20 55 |
| Madras Express | 10 10 | 15 00 |
| Deccan Queen on Mondays only | 10 30 | |
| Deccan Queen on Fridays only | | 17 15 |
| Poona Mail | 10 25 | 17 30 |
| Punjab Mail | 11 15 | 18 55 |
| Nagpur Express | 14 55 | 21 5 |
| Poona East Passenger | 17 00 | 11 35 |
| Poona Express | 19 24 | 8 05 |
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| Gujarat Mail | 6 45 | 20 25 |
| Kathiawar Mail | 7 25 | 21 50 |
| Frontier Mail | 8 15 | 21 30 |
| Frontier Mail on Saturdays a. Ballard Pier | 8 40 | |
| Ahmedabad Passenger | 14 00 | 13 50 |
| Kathiawar Express | 18 45 | 8 45 |
| Baroda Passenger | 20 33 | 9 25 |
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# WHY IMPOSE DUTY ON CHEQUES?

## Manu Subedar Condemns Stamp Duties Unification Bill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.

Mr. Manu Subedar in the course of a statement on the Stamp Duties Unification Bill introduced by Sir James Grigg in the Legislative Assembly says:—

Sir James Grigg has embodied in this measure some steps, which the commercial community will welcome, but some of which are very objectionable. The reduction of duty on Inland Bills and, in particular, the securing of the uniformity thereof in all other provinces will be very much appreciated. But the imposition of a duty on cheques, which was removed after many representations and the resolution of Sir Phiroze Sethna in the Council of State, is in opposition to the opinion expressed by the Central Banking Committee, both majority and minority. Government of India have signally failed to give effect to many of the recommendations of the Banking Committee, and it is a pity that Sir James Grigg should have, instead of doing his duty in other directions, brought in this imposition on credit instruments.

An extraordinary sentence appears in the statement of objects and reasons, viz., "this remission has had, and is likely to have, no appreciable effect on the development of banking."

To make the Government of India responsible for a statement of this kind is to expose them both to attack and ridicule. A duty of one anna per cheque is bound to increase the number of cash payments for all small purposes and is bound to deter all small traders and others, who were being increasingly drawn into the banking field. If a duty is required on cheques, it should not be more than one pice.

"RETROGRADE STEP."

It is not clear to me whether the Government of India are frightened of the return of rupees from circulation and desire that the public should handle more cash than economise in cash by the use of cheques. I regard this as a retrograde step and regret that the Government of India should have chosen this particular moment to impose it.

The enhanced duties on credit instruments generally, which fall on trade and commerce, cannot be approved, unless it is demonstrated that the money collected in this manner is badly wanted. I expect to be told that the request for this money was made by the finance ministers of the provinces.

Another objectionable feature of this Bill is that, in connection with the tax, which falls under Section 137 of the Government of India Act, a scheme of distribution to various provinces is adopted, which has been fixed by Sir Otto Niemeyer for purposes of Section 138. As paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Niemeyer Report indicate, the basis, on which he reached the percentages was appertaining to income-tax. To adopt these percentages, without any change or further consideration, for distributing income arising out of the taxation of credit instruments, is grossly unfair to many of the provinces. In any case, it shows slackness on the part of the Finance Department, who have not attempted to ascertain a more suitable basis applicable to the facts of the case.—A. P.

## *Civic Changes In Peshawar*

PESHAWAR, Feb. 17.

With the removal of the nominated members of the Municipality, the office of the Senior Vice-President became vacant and Pir Bakhas Khan the Junior Vice-President, has been made, according to the rules, the Senior Vice-President.

Mr. Aligul Khan, General Secretary of the Provincial Congress Committee, was unanimously elected to-day as the Junior Vice-President.—A.P


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## *STEPPING STONE TO THE ANSCHLUSS*

### *"Nazi Catechism" on Policy Towards Austria*

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, (By Air Mail).

The December issue of the "Aufbruch" contains a frank "Nazi catechism." The publication is one of the illegal Austro-Nazi organs, which are smuggled in from Germany.

This catechism says that Herr Hitler does not desire the struggle against Dr. Schuschnigg to be abandoned and that he sees in the last year's July agreement only a stepping stone to the Anschluss.

Here are some of the questions and answers:

Query: Does the Fuhrer desire that our struggle should cease in view of the July agreement?

Answer: Certainly not.

Query: Has the Fuhrer any interests that peace and order should prevail under Schuschnigg's knout?

Answer: Not the slightest.

Query: Shall we don kid gloves and regard Schuschnigg as an honourable person, and express our loyalty to him.?

Answer: No. Until every trace of him and his system has vanished, every word spoken about Austria's German missions is merely bitter irony.

Query: Does eleventh July mean final peace between the two German states?

Answer: Never. There is only one German state, the Reich.

Query: Then why did the Fuhrer make the 1936 Agreement?

Answer: To promote Germany's interests and those of the Austrian Nazi movement. The Fuhrer expects National Socialism in Austria to secure of its own volition the unalterable goal he has set before it—liberation and the Anschluss.

There is a suggestion by the loyal Austrians that if this declaration of Germany's intention to annex Austria does not represent Hitler's policy, he should take some steps to disown it by some kind of authoritative statement from the Reich.

## "IN PRAISE OF CONGRESS PRESIDENTS"

A patriotic poem in Sanskrit in praise of all the Presidents of the Indian National Congress from its year of birth in 1885 to its Golden Jubilee Year in 1935, which had been composed by Sjt. Laxminarayan Shanbhag Vidyalankar Sahitya Shiromani —Sankhya Teertha, and read by him during the Jubilee celebrations in Bombay, has now been published by him with the title of "Rashtrasabhapathi Gavravam". In the booklet are included three other Sanskrit poems by the same author, entitled "Swatantrya Patha" ("Road to Freedom"), "Shanti Prarthana" ('Prayer for Peace') and "Shri Subhas Chandra Prashasti" ('Eulogy of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose'). The second poem makes an earnest appeal to the nation to preserve its classical language, Sanskrit, and the indigenous arts and crafts, while the third is a prayer for the peace and prosperity of India and peace to the souls of the martyrs of the national movement. The poems are composed in easy and flowing style, the patriotic sentiments being expressed in eloquent and stirring terms. As Mrs. Hansa Mehta, M.L.A., who writes a Foreword to the brochure, observes, "The (Sanskrit) language holds a key to a vast store of knowledge which has so far not been explored. Knowledge, of the language will therefore, be of immense use to the country for any kind of national reconstruction it may contemplate in future. A national body like the Congress and all national minded men and women should, therefore, encourage efforts like this with a view to their future possibilities."

Translations in Hindi and Gujarati of all the four poems are given in the booklet, which is priced at Ans. 4 and will be for sale in Vithalnagar during the Congress Session. It can be had also from The Popular Book Depot, Lamington Road, Bombay, 7. The booklet may be recommended to all lovers of Sanskrit and patriotic readers.

The Belgaum Liberal Association, at an urgent meeting expressed regret for the serious situation created by the resignation of the Ministers in Bihar and the U. P. just when the Ministers were working for the amelioration of their countrymen.

## SAMACHAR NUMBER

The leading Gujarati daily "Bombay Samachar", has published a Special Number on the eve of the Haripura Session. It is a well-planned production with a series of articles of public interest and is profusely illustrated. The cover page is strikingly designed with a portrait of the new Congress President. This special issue opens with an inspiring message from Subhas Bose specially sent for it. Noted leaders and workers like Dr. Pattabhi, Satyamurthi, Madame Sophia Wadia, Mahadev Desai, Kishandatta Paliwala, Dr. Rajan, Education, Minister of Madras, Prof. Ranga, Mr. K. F. Nariman and Dr. J. C. Kumarappa have contributed instructive articles. Bombay Ministers have sent their messages. The editor has taken pain to give a good glimpse into the working of Vithalnagar describing the work done by volunteers and sevikas. The Number reviews the political situation in the country and gives a detailed description of the swadeshi Exhibition at Vithalnagar. The pen-portraits of retiring and the incoming Presidents, of Darbar Gopaldas as well as of the late Vithalbhai Patel are worth preserving. The "Samachar" deserves to be congratulated on the publication of this Special Number, which is sure to be widely read by Gujarati reading public. The price of the Number is Ans. 4 only

## SAYAJI VIJAY CONGRESS NUMBER

The "Sayaji Vijay", a bi-weekly Gujarati, published at Baroda, has issued a Special Haripura Congress Number. It is illustrated with a number of two colour pictures and contains articles on various subjects of political, social and educational interest. The Number contains articles from known writers like Messrs. Ramanlal Desai, M. V. Upadhyaya Shantilal Shah, Puskarao Desai, the editor of "Sandesh" and Prof. K. H. Kamdar, and special messages from Premier Kher and Minister Munshi. The price of this number is Ans. Six.

## SWARAJ PARTY'S CONFERENCE

### Construction Of Mosque At Nasik Road Opposed

(From Our Correspondent)
NASIK, (By Mail.)

The Democratic Swaraj Party's Conference resumed its session yesterday evening. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta presided. Mr. Mehta made a suitable reply.

The Conference passed the following resolutions:

This Conference requests the Government not to grant permission to Muslims to build a Mosque at Nasik Road as Hindu religious processions oftenly pass along the road. The construction of the mosque is likely to lead to the breach of peace and order of the town.

This conference disapproves the action of the Congress Working Committee in omitting the last lines of Vande-Mataram song.

In view of the war-like attitude of all nations, this Conference urges the present Bombay Congress Ministry to repeal Arms Act and take steps to introduce compulsory military education of the adult population.

This Conference condemns the Bombay Ministry for still continuing the ban on the books of Mr. V. D Savarkar, late Mr. S. M. Paranjpe and Mr. Govind of Nasik.

# Honours Must Go

## Notice Of Motion In Council Of State

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, (By Mail.)

Mr. Brijlal Biyani has given notice of the following resolutions which he intends to move in the Council of State:—

"This Council recommends to the Governor-General-in-Council to intimate to the British Government the opinion of this House that the scheme of Federation as embodied in the Government of India Act, 1935, being opposed to the declared will of the people of this country, is unacceptable and therefore be not imposed on the Indian Nation."

NO TITULAR DISTINCTION

"This Council is of opinion that the conferring of any titles of honour or titular distinction on any persons in India by His Majesty or the Governor-General be discontinued."

"This Council recommends to the Governor-General-in-Council that the British soldiers in India be replaced by Indians as early as possible and retrenchment be effected in other Military Departments and money thus saved be made available to the Provincial Governments."

EMBARGO ON ZANZIBAR CLOVES

"This Council recommends to the Governor-General-in-Council that in view of the strong protest made by the Indian people in India and in Zanzibar against the Clove Decree of 1937 of Zanzibar, to take immediate steps to place an embargo on the cloves imported into India from Zanzibar."


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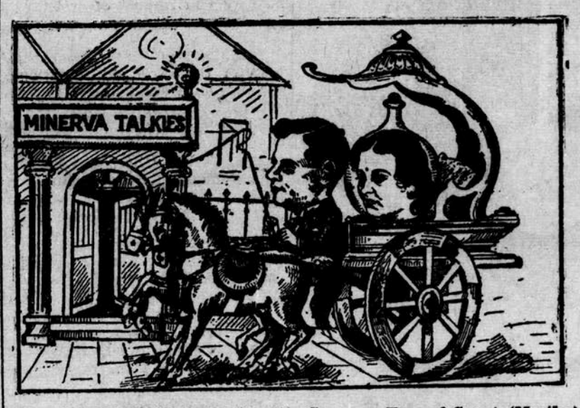


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# Governors & Governor-General Blamed

## CRISIS TO BE LOCALISED: SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO FIND PROPER SOLUTION

(Continued from page 1)

certain as to what will be the final decision.—A.P.

### *LOTHIAN'S FORMULA FINDS FAVOUR*

### *Statements In Commons And Lords Considered Satisfactory*

VITHALNAGAR, (HARIPURA), Feb. 18.

A dust storm was blowing when the Working Committee reassembled this morning to consider the weighty issues arising from the resignations of the Bihar and United Provinces Ministries.

Members of the Committee had earlier been studying the British reaction to the crisis, and the majority appeared to regard with approval Lord Zetland's statement in the House of Lords and the Premier's statement in the House of Commons.

Lord Lothian's suggestion in his letter to the "Times", that the Governors should formally warn their Ministers of anticipated dangers, and publish the warning if their fears subsequently proved justified, received especial attention.

More than one member of the Working Committee hinted that this suggestion might well prove the basis for settlement of the crisis.

The Congress camp is full of rumours that Mr. Gandhi has addressed a communication to the Viceroy on the lines of his earlier statement. No confirmation of this however is yet available.

The strain of the last few days appears to have told on Mr. Gandhi who is suffering from slight head ache and rise in blood pressure.

All visitors, including members of the Working Committee have been requested not to disturb him.

It appears however that Mr. Gandhi is engaged at the moment in drafting a further statement which is expected to be released very shortly.—A. P.

### *WORLD PEACE CONGRESS GREETS HARIPURA*

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

The Foreign Department of the All India Congress Committee has received the following cablegram message of greetings to the Haripura Congress from the World Peace Congress:—

"We are inspired by the action of the India people in defence of peace and their Vigorous support of China. We specially appreciate your message, pledging support of the millions of Indian peasants and declaring your adherence to the principle of collective security. The International Peace Campaign Committee, representing fortythree countries, sends its warmest greetings to you and to the Congress."—United Press.

### CONGRESS RESOLUTION DOES IT

### States People's Conference To Enrol One Lakh Members

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

The All-India States' Peoples' Conference passed resolutions urging the enrolment of one lakh of members and for the constitution of Provincial, District and Local Committees to strengthen the All-India States' Peoples' Conference in view of the Congress resolution on the relationship between State subjects and the Congress; condemning the police firing at the village of Hakiman in Patiala State; starting of an English weekly devoted to State subjects and to conduct as far as possible, proceedings of the Conference in Hindi.—United Press.

### States' Workers' Conference

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

The Conference of delegates and workers from States will be held on Sunday at 9 A. M. at Vithalnagar in the office of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee to devise ways and means of popularising the States' Peoples' ideals.—United Press.

### FIRE NEAR GANDHIJI'S HUT

**VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.**

**Great sensation prevails throughout Vithalnagar this morning when fire broke out near Mahatmaji's hut by the side of the Tapti.**

S. O. S. calls for volunteers were sent round Vithalnagar and volunteers with all available water extinguished the fire after great trouble. United Press.

### ECHO OF BIHAR EARTHQUAKE

### Reports & Accounts Approved By Central Relief Committee

(Congress Special.)

HARIPURA, Feb. 18.

A meeting of the Bihar Central Relief Committee held this morning, Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj presiding, approved of the report and adopted accounts until January 31, 1938.

The meeting resolved to dissolve the Committee as the special work for which the Committee came into existence is over.

Gandhiji who was to have presided over the meeting could not do so as he has been advised by his doctors not to attend any functions.

It has been also decided to form a Board of Trustees to take over the assets and liabilities and Babu Singhshwari Prasad, one of the secretaries of B. C. R. C. has been authorised to execute the Trust Deed and take the necessary steps.

The Report, after referring to the magnitude of the distress in Bihar, and the unprecedented response from all parts of the country, mentions that the total receipts of donations were Rs. 29,88,276 which includes a sum of Rs. 1,52,470 received from foreign countries. A large quantity of gifts in kind distributed among the sufferers is estimated valued at least five lakhs.

The total expenditure of the Committee upto 31-1-'38 amounted to Rs. 27,68,706, out of which Rs. 26.63,520 was spent on actual relief work and Rs. 1,05,186 on establishment and other administrative charges. The ratio of the latter to the total expenditure was thus about 3.70 which the Committee considers to be very satisfactory.—A. P.

### *SAD DEMISE OF EX-DETENU*

### *Body Taken In Procession*

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

Swadesh Bhusan Ghosh (31), a detenue who was recently released, died in the Carmichael Medical College Hospital early this morning of an attack of Encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

The body was taken in procession to the Kashi Mitter Burning Ghat where the cremation was performed.

Mr. Ghosh belonged to Dacca and was one of the two detenus whom Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Congress President, saw in hospital before he left for Haripura.—A. P.

# Kisan Right To Be Recognised

### Congress To Permit Separate Organisations

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

It is understood that move is afoot to define Congress attitude towards the Kisans. It is not known whether official resolution will be moved, but a resolution is likely to come before the Subjects Committee on the lines that while recognising the rights of Kisans to organise themselves in Kisan Sabhas, where necessary, Kisans should in their own interest, band themselves together under the banner of the National Congress and strengthen the Congress by joining it in larger and larger numbers.

Congress, however, cannot associate itself with any activities which are incompatible with the basic principles of Congress and will not countenance any of the activities of those Congressmen who, as members of Kisan Sabhas, helped in creating an atmosphere alien to Congress principles and control of activities leading to violence.—United Press.

## NAGPUR TEXTILE WORKERS' DEMANDS

### Finance Minister's Talks With Ruikar

NAGPUR, Feb. 18.

The Finance Minister the Hon. Mr. D K. Mehta had a discussion to-day with Mr. R. S. Ruikar, Labour Leader. on the demands set forth by the local textile workers who have decided on a stay-in strike on February 21 in order to draw the attention of the Ministry and local employers.

It is understood Mr. Ruikar suggested that the Ministry should exert its influence and persuade the Nagpur Millowners to accept 'interim' recommendations of the Bombay Labour Enquiry Committee which, if agreed to, were calculated to redress three demands of the workers namely, withdrawal of wage cut and one loom system in the Weaving Department and a minimum wage of fifteen rupees for all new recruits and night shift workers.

Mr. Ruikar is reported to be willing to take up the question of the recognition of the Textile Union later if the above grievances are first redressed.

It is learnt the Finance Minister informed Mr. Ruikar that he would, on receiving officially the Bombay Committee's Report, ascertain from Bombay Government whether Bombay Millowners had accepted those recommendations and later negotiate with local Millowners regarding the workers demands.—A.P.

### *SHAHIDGUNJ DAY IN LAHORE*

### *Confusion In Meeting: Fifteen Volunteers Arrested*

LAHORE, Feb. 18.

In accordance with the announcement of the Council of the All-India Muslim League Shahidgunj Day was observed here today by holding a meeting at the Badshahi Mosque after Jumma Prayers.

The meeting adopted a resolution urging Mr. M. A. Jinnah to convene a special session of the League in Lahore to discuss the Shahidgunj question.

The meeting, which was occasionally interrupted by those holding divergent views on the Shahidgunj question, was addressed among others by Prof. Inyatullah, President of the Lahore District Muslim League, and Sahibzada Faiz-ul-Hassan, Vice-President of the Majli-i-Ahrar.

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Prof. Innyatullah in the course of his speech, said that despite their numerous sacrifices in the past three years, they had not succeeded in their mission and they were still where they were three years back. He added that those leaders, who had started the Shahidgunj movement now believed that Civil Disobdience would not help them in the restoration of Shahidgunj. He called on those leaders to come forward and admit their mistake publicly.

At this stage, confusion broke out among the audience and the speaker was not able to continue his speech.

At the close of the meeting, a batch of 15 Ahrar volunteers marched to Shahidgunj to say prayers. They were arrested outside the Delhi Gate.—A. P.

### *SHAHIDGUNJ DAY IN CITY*

### *Muslim Leaguers' Appeal*

The resolution of the Council of the All-India Muslim League passed at Delhi in connection with All-India Shahidgunj Day was explained to the audience by Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim, who presided over a meeting convened to observe the Shahidgunj Day at Mahomed Ali Road, Bombay on Friday night.

An appeal to strengthen the hands of the Muslim League to whip up agitation, so that an effective and final decision could be taken at a special Conference of the Muslim League to be held at Ahmedabad was made by the speakers.

They also canvassed support to make the Bombay Presidency, Muslim Navjawan Conferenc to be held to-day (Saturday) a success.

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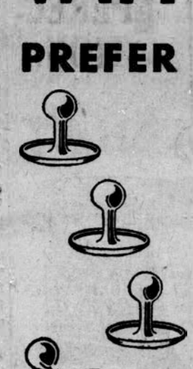

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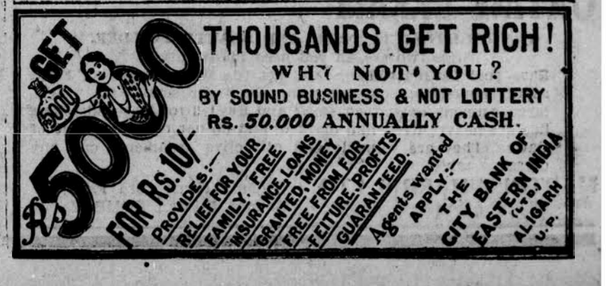

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# Privileges Of Members Of Legislature

## Resolution Passed By Bengal Assembly

**The question of the privileges of members of the legislature was raised in the Bengal Legislative Assembly when the House accepted a resolution authorising the Speaker to constitute a Committee of Privileges to go into the matter and to draft a bill embodying the privileges as might be recommended by them.**

In the course of a two-hour debate on the subject the Home Minister, Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, strongly repudiated the suggestion made by Mr. A. R. Siddiqi (Coalition) that executive officers influenced the policy of the Government.

"The Civil Service," declared the Home Minister, "have always co-operated with the Government and carried out their orders, and there cannot be any question of the Cabinet being influenced by them."

The Speaker (Khan Bahadur Azizul Haque) held that whenever a member of this House was detained or arrested the fact should be communicated to the Speaker.

The debate arose out of the arrest of a member of the Assembly, Mr. N. Dutt Mazumdar, at Comilla, during its present session.

In moving the resolution, Mr. Siddiqi desired that the House should, realize that on certain basic principles of politics, he felt that the member in question should have been allowed to propagate his ideas so long as he acted within constitutional limits. They should follow the conventions of the British Parliament regarding the rights and privileges of members.

"AWKWARD POSITION."

The time had come when the executive must not be allowed to rule the Cabinet and place the Government in an awkward position because the Government were responsible to this House. The Cabinet must rule the Services and dictate their policy.

If a member was kept out of the House and a constituency went unrepresented they must decide whether the House was properly constituted.

Representatives of the Congress, the Moslem League, the Projas and various other parties had come to the legislature after having declared publicly that the repressive laws must be repealed. He considered that repression reached its height when an elected representative of the people was debarred from taking part in the discussion in the House to which he had been summoned.

If the action of the executive in this instance went unchallenged it would raise serious problems.

He emphasized that in tabling this resolution he did not mean any reflection on the Cabinet.

MEMBER'S DUTIES.

Intervening in the debate, the Speaker said:—

"Every member of the legislature is under a constitutional obligation to attend the service of the House to which he belongs and in the House of Commons at one time the personal service of every member was required with consequent penalty for non-attendance.

"Although the penalty is no longer applicable, the legislative declaration of the duty of a member remains on the statute book and in the House of Commons there have been numerous occasions for summoning absent members to attend service of the House. On ordinary occasions, however, the attendance of members in the service of Parliament has not been enforced by the House, but when any special business was about to be undertaken steps have been taken to secure their presence.

"This attendance upon service of Parliament includes an obligation to fulfil duties imposed upon members by orders and regulations of the House, and in the House of Commons unless leave of absence has been obtained a member is not to be excused from such attendance.

"INHERENT RIGHT."

"There is no specific provision for attendance in the Government of India Act or in the rules and regulations and standing orders of the House on the lines indicated above. But under the Government of India Act if, for 60 days a member of a Chamber is absent without permission from meetings thereof, the Chamber may declare his seat vacant. This legal right of the Chamber has its constitutional implication, viz., that it is the inherent right of a Chamber to have information if a member is absent, and it also follows that if any member is unable to attend the meetings of this House for any reason outside his own free will the House can always claim the right to get the information as to the reasons of such compelled absence.

"It follows therefore that when a member is arrested on criminal charges, the House must be informed immediately of the cause for which he is detained from service of the legislature.

"Now that the right of declaring a seat vacant has developed upon the Chamber of Legislature I hold that it is the constitutional right of this House immediately to know if a member is unable to attend for any circumstances beyond his control.

"It is not in any way to question the validity of any such act nor to enter into the fact of such arrest, but to enable the House to carry out its obligations as a legislature that it is entitled to have the information if and when a member is arrested and detained.

"I hold, therefore, that whenever a member of this House is detained or arrested which may enforce his absence from the House, the fact should be immediately communicated to the Speaker."

"BOUND TO SUFFER."

Dr. Nalinakshya Sanyal (Congress) supported the resolution.

Mr. J. N. Basu (Progressive) emphasized that members of the House should not be prevented from exercising their function by the action of the executive.

Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed (Proja) and Mr. Tamijuddin Khan (Coalition) also supported the resolution.

Mr. Abdul Wahab Khan remarked that unless the privileges of the members of the House were safeguarded their work was bound to suffer. He suggested that members of the House should be immune from arrest unless they committed a criminal offence.

Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, the Home Minister, said that the Government welcomed the resolution and congratulated the members on having brought up the question of privilege.

After referring to the relevant section of the Government of India Act relating to the rights and privileges of members of the legislature, the Home Minister said that there might be some misconception in the minds of members as to what these privileges were. Even in the House of Commons members did not enjoy any immunity from arrest for a criminal offence. The immunity enjoyed by them in regard to civil arrest had also been whittled down.

The Home Minister referred in detail to the privileges enjoyed by members of Parliament and remarked that there a member was not only not immune from arrest for a criminal offence but that the question of his arrest and detention could not be, raised in the House as a matter of privilege.

MEANING OF "PRIVILEGE."

Mr. Curtiss Millar (European Group), remarked that in deciding what its privileges should be, the House should have the greatest regard for constitutional propriety. They must distinguish between the colloquial meaning the word 'privilege' and the parliamentary use of the expression. While they were anxious to safeguard the privileges of the House, he was of the opinion that nothing should be done which would interfere with the administration of criminal justice. Members should also set an example of obedience to civil authorities whom they controlled.

The Premier, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, suggested that the committee it was proposed to appoint should also consider what steps should be taken to prevent unnecessary interruptions by members of the House.

## INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb. 18.

The following were the closing quotations to-day:—

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| **GOVT. SECURITIES.** | |
| 3 1/2 per cent Paper | 97/5 |
| **BANKS.** | |
| Central | 32/2 |
| Indian Bank | 149 |
| Reserve Bank | 119/8 |
| Union Bank | 5/12 |
| **INSURANCE.** | |
| New India | 40/12 |
| **TEXTILES.** | |
| B. Dyeing | 927/8 |
| Calico | 645 |
| Century | 235 |
| Colaba | 195 |
| Gokak | 177/8 |
| Kohinoor | 341/4 |
| Simplex | 71/4 |
| **HYDRO ELECTRIC.** | |
| Tata Hydro Ord. | 152/8 |
| Tata Power Ord. | 1330 |
| **MISCELLANEOUS.** | |
| Alcock Ashdown | 320 |
| Associated Cements XD | 122/8 |
| Bombay Steam | 243/12 |
| Bombay Telephone | 98 |
| Burma Corporation | 6/10 |
| Br. B. Petrol | 3/6 |
| Indian Bleaching | 140 |
| Indian Copper | 215 |
| Indian Iron | 27/4 |
| Scindia Steam | 20/9 |
| Shivrajpur | 46/4 |
| Tata Oil | 26 |
| Tata Steel Ordy. | 219 |

Following Delivery Slips have been issued to-day:—

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| Sajjan | 125 |
| Reserve Banks | 50 |
| Nagpurs | 10 |
| Associated Cements | 10 |
| Bombay Dyeings | 135 |
| Tata Ordinaries | 100 |

## STERLING SHARE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Messrs. Forbes and Lund have received the following quotations by special Cablegram from London to-day:—

| Name of Company | Latest prices. £ |
|---|---|
| Assam Bengal Railway Ord. Stock | 79 0 0 |
| Atlas Elect. and Genl. Trust Ord. | 0 4 3 |
| Bank of London and S. America | 5 15 0 |
| British South Africa Co. Ord. | 1 8 9 |
| B.B. and C.I. Rly. Ord. Stock | 114 10 0 |
| Borneo Ltd. 7 1/2 p.c. Pref. | 0 18 0 |
| Cables and Wireless (Holding) Ord. Stk. | 65 10 0 |
| Cawnpore Electric Sup. Ord. | 2 1 0 |
| Lansil Ltd. Ord. | 0 9 9 |
| Crosse and Blackwell New Ord. | 0 0 9 |
| Foreign Rly. Inv. Trust 5 p.c. Prf. Stk. | 22 0 0 |
| Genl. and Coml. Invest. Trust Defd. Stk. | 98 0 0 |
| Eastern Bank Ltd. | 6 9 0 |
| Hyderabad Deccan Co. Ord. | 1 8 6 |
| J. Lyons and Co. "A" Ord. | 5 4 0 |
| C. and E. Morton 7 p.c. Pref. | 0 6 6 |
| United Serdang Rub. Plantn. Ord. | 0 3 0 |
| Salt (Saltaires) Ord. | 0 4 6 |
| United Premier Oil and Cake Ord. | 0 8 0 |

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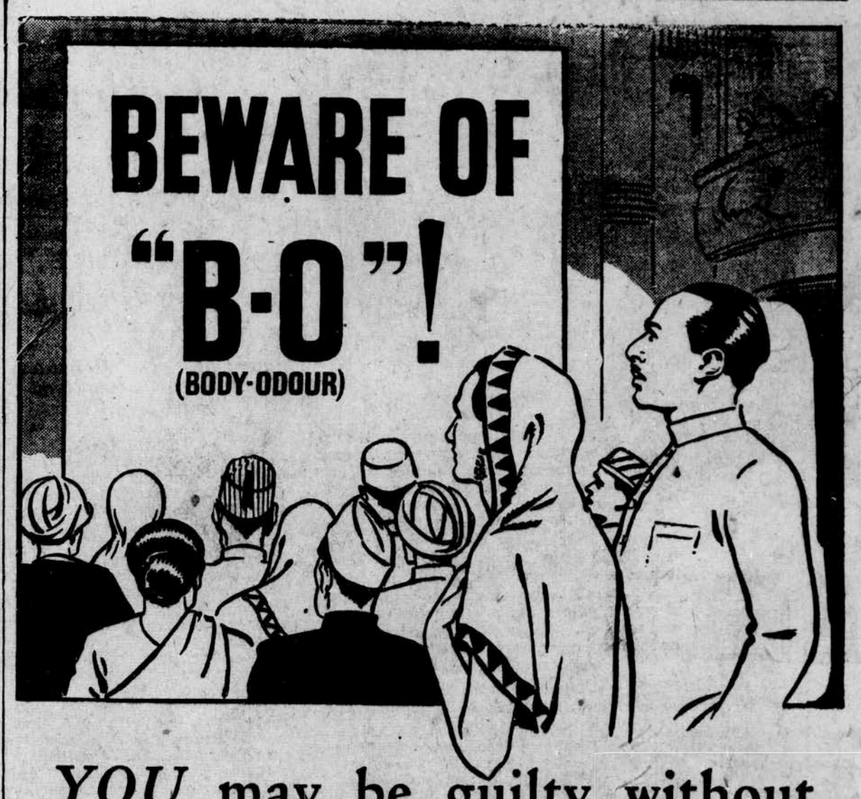


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# Money Demand Getting Quiet

## Increased Selling In Securities On Resignations Of Two Congress Ministries

### WEAKNESS IN DOLLAR

### Weekly Market Reviews

MONEY.

Money continued to be in good demand during the early part of the week, but towards the close, the rate for day-to-day loans was a fraction lower at 1-1/4 per cent. The stock exchange settlement being over, demand for funds from that quarter was slack. Government have further reduced the amount of Treasury Bills offered for tender next week to Rs. 1 crore as against Rs. 1-1/2 crores this week. The statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India made up to 11th February 1938 shows a decline of Rs. 3.27 lakhs in "Banks Deposits," while on the other hand the return of the Imperial Bank records a decline of Rs. 60 lakhs in "Loans." Tenders to Government for three months' Treasury Bills amounted to Rs. 2,44,25,000 and the required amount was accepted at a fractionally higher rate of Rs. 1-7-11 per cent. per annum. Maturities amounted to Rs. 1 crore. Government deposits with the Reserve Bank of India stood at Rs. 12,84 lakhs, thus showing an increase of Rs. 16 lakhs over the previous week. Rates for term money were unchanged at 1-1/4 per cent. for three months and 1-1/2 per cent. for six months.

GILT-EDGED.

Gilt-edged were steady earlier in the week, but following news of the resignation of two Congress Ministries and apprehensions about the future political outlook of the country, there was some selling of long-dated securities and redeemable loans on Wednesday. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper, which stood at Rs. 98-14 at the opening, declined to Rs. 98-6 on Wednesday. At the close, the reported worsening of the Austro-German political situation and its effects on the London market were responsible for a general setback in gilt-edged prices in the local market, 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper declining briskly to Rs. 97-6. Redeemable securities were also marked down; 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan declined from Rs. 100-8 to Rs. 100-7, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds from Rs. 103-9 to Rs. 103-7 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan from Rs. 102-14 to Rs. 102-11. 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan was marked down to Rs. 106-6, 4 per cent. 1943 bonds to Rs. 108-9 and 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan to Rs. 114. 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan was offered at Rs. 119-12, 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 107-9 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 119-6. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock, which was steady around £93-1/2 earlier in the week declined briskly to £92-3/4 at the close following European developments.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange was well maintained at the opening with sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 6-1/8d. and blyers 1s. 6-5/32d. Towards mid-week, however, probably as a result of some buying of sterling against reselling of gold by banks, the market was a shade quieter, sellers quoting 1s. 6-7/64d. and buyers 1s. 6-9/64. Tenders to Government at 1s. 6-1/8d. aggregated £44,100,000, of which £2 million were accepted, the allotment being only 5 per cent. Fresh business in connection with export of gold and merchandise was restricted.

Among the foreign exchanges in London, the market for the U. S. currency attracted some attention. The sterling/dollar rate, after opening around the previous close of 501.45 cents, advanced sharply and touched 503.67 cents on Wednesday. The firmness of sterling was reported to be due to offering of dollars on Continental account initiated by fears of the U. S. Administration adopting an inflationary policy to bring about a rise in commodity values and on rumours about the likelihood of further devaluation of the dollar in terms of gold to give effect to an inflationary programme. At the close, however, worsening of the European political situation and a consequent demand for dollar funds was responsible for a partial recovery in the sterling/dollar rate to 503.05 cents. The premium on three months' forward dollars declined from the opening level of 0.71 cents to 0.62 cents at the close. The sterling/franc rate opened at frs. 152.53, and after declining sharply to frs. 151.31, relapsed to frs. 153.16 following somewhat unfavourable reports about the Austro-German situation. But at the close, the franc firmed up somewhat to 152.84. The discount on three months' forward francs, after narrowing from frs. 6.00 to frs. 4.875 earlier in the week, widened again to frs. 6.060 at the close. The guilder moved between 8.97-5/32 and 8.96-11/16 for spot, while the premium on forward guilders was almost unchange around 2.25 cents. The belga fluctuated between 29.57-3/4 and 29.55-1/8 and the Italian lira between 95.65 and 95.30. The Shanghai dollar and the yen were unchanged at -s 2-1/4d. and 1s 2d. throughout.

FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

The French Government announced the issue of frs. 3,000 million Treasury Bonds at 5-1/2 per cent. the Bonds being redeemable at par in 1942, at 109 per cent. of the nominal value in 1946 or at 118 per cent. of the nominal value in 1950. The list opened on Wednesday and was fully subscribed the same day.

GOLD.

Gold kept steady despite the sharp depreciation of the dollar in terms of sterling, and with the approach of the settlement and consequent bear covering the spot rate advanced from Rs. 34-7-6 to Rs. 34-9 on Tuesday, decling fractionally to Rs. 34-8-6 at the close. Gold for delivery during the early April settlement was quoted at a discount of 9 pies to 1 anna under spot and that for delivery at the end of April settlement was quoted at 1 anna to 1 anna 3 pies under spot. The strength of the local market can be attributed to bear covering and steadier London advices. The former enabled the market to absorb reselling by Banks without appreciably lowering the rate In London, the quotation for bar gold remained unchanged throughout at 139s. 9d., except at the close when it improved slightly to 139s. 10d. The premium on gold over the dollar arbitrage parity advanced from 13-1/2d. at the opening to 20d. at the close. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 22-6-6 in the beginning of the week, but towards the close there was a slight improvement in the quotation to Rs. 22-6-9. Stocks of gold on hand are estimated at about 2,00,000 tolas, while arrivals from upcountry average some 12,000 tolas a day. The average daily offtake is some 1,000 bars. Rs. 6,04,132 worth of gold was shipped to London per s.s. Cathay on the 12th February, while imports during the week amounted to Rs 91,156 in gold bullion and coins. The highest and lowest rates of the week were: Rs. 34-9 and Rs. 34-7-6 for ready and March settlement and Rs. 34-8 and Rs. 34-7 for April settlement.

SILVER.

Silver was steady but inactive throughout the week, the price of spot being well maintained. After opening at Rs. 50 ,spot silver declined to Rs. 49-10 on Wednesday, but improved again at Rs. 50 at the close on bear covering with the approach of the settlement. The premium on April settlement, which had widened to 14 annas earlier in the week, declined to 7 annas at the close in the absence of any appreciable speculation based on rumours of a decrease in the import duty. In London, the spread between spot and forward widened from 3/8d. at the opening to 1/2d. mid-week on large bear maturities being carried forward but narrowed again to 5/16d. at the close. Spot silver in London, after opening at 20-1/4d., persistently declined to 19-15/16d. at the close, while two months' forward delivery, which was quoted at 19-7/8d. at the opening, was down to 19-5/8d. at the close. Stocks on hand are estimated at about 7,000 bags, while the offtake is better at 115 bars a day. Silver to the tune of £22,600 is 'en route' to Bombay, while coins worth Rs. 44,294 were imported during the week. Last week, 223 bars of silver valued at Rs. 2,77,768 were shipped to London per s.s. Cathay. The highest and lowest rates of the week were: Rs. 50-2 and Rs. 49-10 for spot and March settlement and Rs. 50-14 and Rs. 50-2 for April settlement.

SHARES.

Forward section of the local stock exchange was closed throughout the week, but cash dealings in eight more scrips from the forward list were permitted from Thursday, the 17th instant. Prices in the cash section were fairly well maintained. Rumours about the probable resignation of the Congress Ministries in the various provinces in which they hold offices were responsible for a rise in values of Public Utility shares, probably owing to the belief that the authorities which would replace the present Government would not be in favour of taxing or nationalising Public Utility Companies.

Bombay Trams were quoted around Rs. 120, which Tata Hydros gained over 5 points to Rs. 153-12. Among Banks, Bank of Indias were maintained around Rs. 149, Central Banks around Rs. 32, while Imperial Bank Fully Paids declined from Rs. 1,580 to Rs. 1,568-12 and Reserve Banks from Rs. 120-8 to Rs. 119-8. Ahmedabad Railway was marked up from Rs. 945 to Rs. 955, while Tapti Valleys were almost unchanged around Rs. 752-8. Associated Cements were offered at Rs. 131-12.

CALCUTTA.

The price of loose hessian in the Calcutta Market was steady around Rs. 6-14, while jute shares were steady earlier in the week, but towards the close evinced a quiet tone with restricted business.

## READY SUGAR FIRM

Bombay, Feb. 16.

JAVA SUGAR.

There are no stocks of Java Sugar and quotations are nominal. As regards forward positions there has been further sharp decline of 3 annas in near positions particularly in March and about 1 1/2 annas in distant positions from April onwards. At the moment local market is in a depressed state due to continued decline in London Terminal prices and pressure of Sales by weakholders especially for March, declaration for which are due shortly while demand from out Ports is negligible. As is natural in declining markets the buyers have withdrawn and are watching developments before entering into fresh business. Java market during the week was reported dull with exporters being eager to consider offers at lower rates. Business was however not possible as there was no buying interest and local prices were further down with increased disparity with Java market. At the close tone of the market was rather uncertain.

INDIAN SUGARS.

Market for ready continued to remain firm with further improvement of about one to two annas. The local prices are still below the limits fixed by the Syndicate and it is anticipated that fresh business will be possible only when previous commitments of the dealers are sold out or have entered into consumption. As regards forward positions business was restricted as mills refused to sell forward and second hands were quoting to sell their holdings sparingly at a premium of 3 to 4 annas Cawnpore market was reported firm and good business was done amongst dealers at 1 to 2 annas higher as compared with last week. On the whole tendency of the local market is firm and it is generally expected that Syndicate limits will be reached in course of next few weeks when the second hand sugars are mostly sold. Arrivals during the week are estimated at 1400 tons and stocks at 4800 tons as against 1700 and 7000 tons at the same time last year.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

On the New York Terminal market there was an advance of 1 points in March and May while July was unchanged. There was a further decline of 1 1/2, 2 and 1 3/4 in March, May and August in London Terminal market which was attributed to March liquidation which was rather heavy Java market was reported dull and depressed with a decline of 3 to 4d. per cwt in Exporters quotations, mainly due to precipitous decline in London Terminal market. "Nivas" limit was however reported to be unchanged. At the close there was some recovery in London Terminal prices but position was generally considered uncertain.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

There was nothing fresh to report as far as position of Java sugar was concerned. As regards Indian sugars, both markets were reported better with further advance of 1 to 2 annas in ready and forward as Syndicate limits were higher and mills were not permitted to sell anything forward. It is expected that present limits will be maintained there being no pressure for sales.

Stock of Sugar in M.B. Indian Ports on about 28th January 38 were estimated at 14,458 tons as against 20,902 tons at the same time last year.

GENERAL.

Tendency of the market for Java sugar is very uncertain at present and future course of the market depend on reports from foreign markets in course of next few days and its effect on Java market. Undertone of the market at the moment is decidedly weak and a small decline in near positions is likely unless there is improvement in demand from out Ports which is dormant at present.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 17

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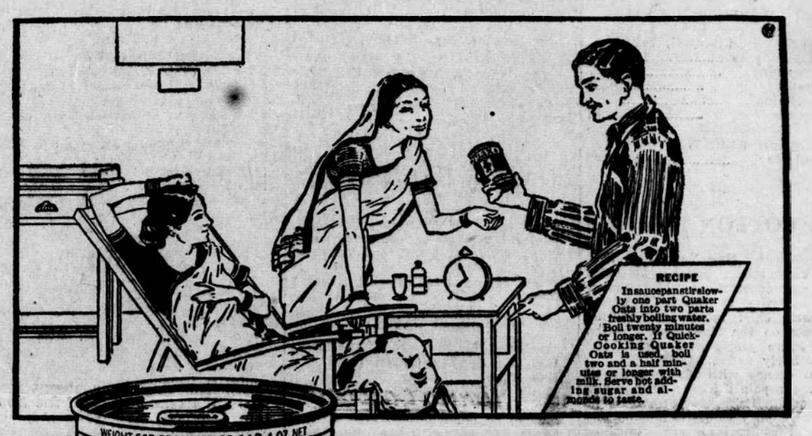
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# Latest Commercial News

## NEW YORK COTTON SIX POINTS DOWN

## Small Advance In Sterling Dollar

### *NARROW MOVEMENTS IN FRANC*

### *Australian Selling In Liverpool Wheat*

NEW YORK COTTON.

Better Liverpool advices and expectation of further bullish incentive in President's speech to-day were chief factors contributing to advance on the cotton market. Business was fairly active during the first half of the session.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Sterling Dollar opened steady and advanced a little.

Franc moved erratically but in narrow fluctuations.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Opened steady. Market was fairly active at first but later prices eased on Australian selling.

## *COTTON*

### LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1938.

New York, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 8.96 |
| To-day's opening | 9.02 |
| Difference | +.06 |
| To-day's closing | 8.90 |
| Difference | —.06 |

### LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1938

Liverpool, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 4.97 |
| To-day's opening | 5.01 |
| Difference | +.04 |
| To-day's closing | 5.05 |
| Difference | +.08 |

BROACH EXPECTATION

New April May ..... Rs. 177-8

### N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 18.

New York cotton better Liverpool advices and expectations of further bullish incentive in Roosevelts speech to-day were chief factors contributing to advance on the New York cotton market where prices were higher and business fairly active.

Session opened with March option at 9.02 i.e. six points higher than previous closing. Prices further advanced considerably on speculative buying and scarcity of contracts March touching 9.10.

### NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 18.

The following were the opening ranges:—

March (8.85/8.85) 9.05/9.02
May (8.95/8.95) 9.15/9.14
July (9.02/9.00) 9.23/9.22

### LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb. 18.

January (4.95) 5.04
March (5.01) 5.11
January (7.10) 7.23
March (7.15) 7.27

### BROACH COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Broach cotton market advanced on heavy option dealers buying covering later despite higher Liverpool reacted on increased hedging Oomras Bengals and profit-taking closed quiet but steady at Rs. 178/14.

## *LONDON MARKETS*

London, Feb. 18.

The rates at 2-30 p. m. were as follows:—

TEA

Indian Pekoe (1) 1
Indian Pekoe higher (1-5 1/2) 1-5 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe (1-1 3/4) 1-1 3/4
Ceylon Pekoe higher (2-2) 2-2

JUTE

New Crop (18 9/16 paid) 18 9/16 sellers
Dunlop January (£21) £21
Lightning January (£20) £20

RUBBER

Spot (7 buyers) 7 1/8 buyers
Forward April June (7 1/8 paid buyers) 7 1/4 paid buyers

LINSEED

Castorseed Bombay February March (£12 5/8 sellers) £12 5/8 sellers
Linseed Calcutta February March (£14 1/4 sellers) £14 5/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata February March (£12 1/2 sellers) £12 5/8 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandal March (£10 3/8 paid) £10 5/8 sellers

### LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Feb. 18.

Liverpool wheat opened steady May 88 1/2 July 87 3/4 market was fairly active overseas advices providing no lead somewhat reactionary tendency was noticeable and market was quiet and fractionally lower on some scattered Australian selling.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 18.

Chicago wheat market report unavailable.

## *EXCHANGES*

### LONDON-NEW YORK CROSS RATES

Latest Quotations

New York, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 5.03 1/16 |
| To-day's opening | 5.03 3/8 |
| To-day's closing | 5.02 3/8 |

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 5.03.05 |
| To-day's opening | 5.03.15 |
| To-day's closing | 5.02.60 |

FRANC RATE

London, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous closing | 152.84 |
| To-day's opening | 152.68 |
| To-day's closing | 152.81 |

## *LONDON EXCHANGES*

London, Feb. 18.

London exchanges opened steady with sterling dollar at 5.03.15 and advanced a little to 5.03.37.

Franc opened 152.68 market moved erratically within narrow range.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/8) 1-6 1/8
Paris on Bombay (11.543) 11.497
New York on Bombay (38.05) 38.01
Berlin on Bombay (0.93 3/4) 0.93 3/4
London on Milan (95.66) 95.71
London on Shanghai (1-2 7/32) 1-2 7/32
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

DISCOUNTS

3 months (9/16 to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent.

4 months (9/16 1/8 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 1/8 to 9/16 per cent.

6 months (9/16 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent.

LONDON METALS

To-day's opening rates were as follows:—

Tin (£184 3/4 buyers £185 sellers. Very steady) £185 buyers £185 1/4 sellers

Lead (£15 7/16 buyers £15 9/16 sellers. Firm) £15 1/2 buyers £15 9/16 sellers.

Electrolytic Copper (£43 1/2 to £44 1/2) £44 1/4 to £45 1/4

### SILVER CABLES

Bombay, Feb. 18.

The following cable information was received from London:—

"Speculators bought and sold. Market steady."

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Spot | (19 15/16d.) 19 15/16d. |
| Forward | (19 5/8d.) 19 5/8d. |

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 18.

London Gold Fine per ounce (£6-19-10) £6-19-10.

### LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Closing Quotation

Liverpool, Feb. 18.

Liverpool wheat market closed at 89 1/2

### WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotation

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Rs. a. p.

5-30 p.m. quotations:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat May | 4 | 11 | 9 |
| Wheat September | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| Linseed May | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Linseed September | 7 | 15 | 0 |

### BOMBAY BULLION

Bombay, Feb. 18.

3 p.m quotation—

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Silver ready | 49 | 15 | 0 |
| Silver Magh | 49 | 15 | 0 |
| Silver Fagan | 50 | 7 | 0 |
| Gold ready | 34 | 8 | 0 |
| Gold Fagan | 34 | 7 | 3 |
| Gold Chaitra | 34 | 6 | 3 |
| Sovereign | 22 | 9 | 6 |

### 3½ P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Sharp Decline

Bombay, Feb. 18.

The 3 1/2 per cent Government paper was quoted Rs. 97-4-0 at 4 p.m.

### INDIAN STERLING LOAN

London, Feb. 18.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at 92 3/4

### *INDIAN LOANS*

London, Feb. 18.

2-30 p.m

3 per cent Indian (£98 3/4) £98 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian (£92 1/2) £92 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£113 1/2) £113 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian 1958-68 (£116 1/2) £116 1/2
4 per cent Indian 1948-68 (£108 1/2) £108 1/2
5 per cent Indian 1942/47 (£111 1/2) £111 3/4
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1954-59 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2

### *LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE*

London, Feb. 18.

London Stock Exchange displayed better sentiment on better New York advices Giltedged securities unimportant three and a half per cent was quoted at 92 1/2 i.e. five shillings lower than previous closing.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

3 per cent Australian Loan 1945/70 (£106 1/2) £108 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77 3/8) £78
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£103 5/8) £104
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£106 1/2) £106 1/2
5 per cent Funding Loan (£114) £114 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£102 7/8) £103 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£112 1/4) £112 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-9) 12-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-10 1/2) 51-10 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 4 1/8) 4 1/8
Musical Industries (12-9) 12-9
Princhin Johnson (33-1 1/2) 33-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-4 1/2) 31-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary (62) 63
Realisation 1930 (£35) £35
Dunlop Rubber (31-3) 31-3
Unilever Ordinary (37-1 1/2) 37-1 1/2
Ford Motors (21) 21
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£65 3/8) £67 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (£103-9) £104-4 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£7 1/4) £7 1/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (140) 140
P. and O. S. N. Company Deferred (20-1 1/2) 20-6
Distillers (97-6) 98-9
Bredfords Dyers (4) 4
British Celanese (3-6) 3-6
J and P Coates Ordinary (38) 38-0
Courtalds Ordinary (39-1 1/2) 40-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (5) 5
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-6) 22-7 1/2
Inter Nickels (dol 48 3/8) dol 49 7/8
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (43-9) 41-10 1/2
Tata Steel Preference (£103 1/2) £103 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (19-6) 19-6
Donaro Tea (40) 40
Empire of India (30) 30

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (25-3) 25-3
Gula Kelampong (25) 25
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (24-3) 24-7 1/2

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£9 1/2) £9 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (47-6) 47-6
Burma Corporation (10) 10
Rio Tinto (£16 3/4) £17
East Rand Proprietors (58-1 1/2) 58-1 1/2
Rand Mines (£8 3/8) £8 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£15 3/4) £15 7/8
Associated Portland Cement (83-9) 84-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (93-9) 93-9
Sub Nigel (£10 1/2) £10 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (28-9) 28-9
Union Corporation (£8 3/8) £8 3/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (35) 35
Anglo Iranian (75-7 1/2) 78-1 1/2
Burma Oil (104-4 1/2) 106-3
Mexican Eagle (10) 10
Shell Transport (88-9) 90
Royal Dutch (38 7/8) 39 3/8

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 18.

To-day's opening rates were as follows:—

U S Steel Common (dol 53 1/8) dol 55 5/8

General motors (dol 33 7/8) dol 35 3/4

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 31 3/8) dol 33 5/8

BROWN BOLD LINSEED

(Through Bombay Grains and Seeds Association.)

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Rs. a. p.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rates at 11-0 a.m. | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Rates at 12-0 noon | 7 | 11 | 3 |
| Rates at 3-0 p.m. | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Rates at 5 p.m. | 7 | 11 | 6 |

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Brighter Sentiment Follows Rally Of Wall Street Overnight

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Feb. 18.

On the Stock Exchange, a brighter sentiment was evidence following the overnight rally of Wall Street and values generally moved higher, the most welcome feature being a revival of interest in industrials, among which several substantial gains were recorded.

Commodities mostly hardened in response to better Wall Street. Tin encountered a further speculative demand in anticipation of the tin quota decision which, after market hours, was announced to be fixed at 55 per cent for the second quarter compared with 70 per cent in the first quarter.

Wall Street opened firm, then reacted.

### CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

Jutes Rule Easier

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

Jutes ruled easier with a limited business. Coals generally displayed easier tendencies and only a limited trading was put through. Teas were rather neglected. In the miscellaneous section Indian irons and other speculative issues further marked down due to heavy selling pressure by "bears" while others disclosed no special feature. Government securities continued easier. Following were the closing quotations:—

Securities:—Three per cent loan 1951/54 102/4, three and a half per cent paper 97/8, three and a half per cent loan 1947/50 106/2, five per cent loan 1940/43 107/11 small lot.

Banks:—Ballygunge 106; Central Bank 32/4 cum div.

Cottons:—Bowreah ord 230; New Victoria 1.

Coals:—Amalgamated 24/14; Bengal 310 small lots; Bokaro and Ramgur 17; Burra Dhemo 3/2; Dhemo Main 11/6; Equitable 35/14; Hurriladih 14/5; Mundulpoor 7/15; New Beerbhoom 18/6; do pref 13 small lot; North Damuda 7; Talcher 1/8; West Jamuria 29/6.

Jutes:—Anglo India 281/8; Bally pref 135; Barnagore 120; Clive 21; Craig annas 13; Howrah 45; Kamarhatty 450; Naihati pref 140; National 20/12 small lot.

Miscellaneous:—Burma Corporation 6/8 cm div; Consolidated tin 5; Indian copper 2/3; Rhodesia copper 1/12; Bengal Potterie. 4; Dalmia cement ord 7/14; do defd 2/11; Benares electric 15; Bengal telephone ord 19/4; Sahjahanpur electric 7; Upper Jumna Valley 7/8; Arthur Butler ord 12/8; Braithwaite and Co. 5; British India electric const 5/2; Hukumchand steel ord 10; Indian Galvanizing 19/12 odd lot; Indian iron 26/15; Indian Malleable Casting ord 5/15; Kumardhubi Engineering pref 64; Saran Engineering 5; steel corporation ord 6/2; do pref 79/8; Britannia biscuits 6/3; B.I. Corporation ord 3/6; Dunlop rubber ord 13/12; do second pref 99/8; Walford Transford 1/12; British Burma petrol 3/8; Humayan property defd 1/4; Midnapore Zemindary 77 small lot; Carew and Co. 12/14.

Teas:—Hansqua 10/8; New Terai 11.—A. P.

# FEUDALISM MUST BE BANISHED

## Kisan Sabhas To Launch Forthwith Vigorous Campaign

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 17.

The All-India Kisan Committee met at Vithalnagar to-day under the presidency of Prof. Ranga when three resolutions on the payment of rent and revenue, abolition of feudalism and cancellation of debts were adopted.

While warning Kisan comrades against the risks and dangers of launching campaign of non-payment of rent and tax the first resolution exhorts all Kisan workers freely to propagate that amount required for maintaining the Kisan and his family in comfort and security should constitute the first charge on the product of his labour and should have priority to all claims of the Kisan and that income up to Rs. 500 should be exempted from rent and revenue.

The second resolution urged all Kisan Sabhas to concentrate their best attention on the abolition of all feudal system as an immediate issue and launch forthwith vigorous campaign for abolishing all systems of landlordism root and branch without paying any compensation.

The third resolution calls upon all Kisan Committees to concentrate attention on the total cancellation and liquidation of all debts and arrears of rent of small peasants, tenants and agrarian labourers as an urgent demand of the hour and authorises the President and Secretaries to fix an early date for observance of All-India Kisan Debt Cancellation Day.

The Committee meets to-morrow again.—United Press Special.

### KISANS RALLY IN VITHALNAGAR

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

An imposing rally of about 5,000 Kisans-headed by Prof. Ranga, President of the All-India Kisan Sangh, Mr. Indulal Yagnik, Swami Sahajanand and other Kisan leaders, took place at Jhanda Chowk in Vithalnagar this afternoon.

These Kisan marchers came here in a well-ordered procession shouting agrarian slogans.

They started from six different places in Gujarat yesterday.

After halting at Jhanda Chowk, the Kisan marchers proceeded to Tharsoda village, three miles from Vithalnagar.—United Press Special.

# Congress And WHY WAS BROADCAST SUSPENDED

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—We were told by the Announcer over the Bombay Radio in the beginning of this week that the proceedings of the Haripura Congress Session would be broadcast, that Mr. Radcliffe Genge would be giving a running commentary of the Open Session on the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, and that Mr. M. S. M. Sarma would be giving a resume of the whole day's proceedings at night, and that the same would be relayed from the Bombay Station to the world.

But the radio listeners were surprised to hear later (on Wednesday night) that the programme had been cancelled, for what specific reason, none has been apprised of. An Associated Press message published in this (Friday) morning's papers, issued from Haripura, states that the organisers of the Haripura Congress have been informed by the Air authorities that the programme of broadcasting of the Congress Open Session, previously arranged has been cancelled. Beyond these laconic messages conveyed to the radio listeners and the newspaper readers, nothing further is made public, explaining this strange action of the authorities controlling Radio broadcasting in India.

The fact that the cancellation of the programmes is announced just after the resignation of the Congress ministries in two provinces and the attitude adopted by the Governor-General in forcing the Ministers concerned to take such a step, seem to have some bearing. Probably, the New Delhi authorities think that by cutting off all publicity—which it would have naturally got if there was broadcasting and relaying for the world—they are handicapping the Congress propaganda. If that is their idea, then they are sadly mistaken. It was not the Congress that requested them to include the broadcasting of the Open Session; on the other hand, with a view to popularise their own programme, the AIR authorities thought it prudent on their part to include the same.

By its latest action, AIR has only made their position ridiculous, to use the mildest term. To spite the fact of the Congress, it has cut its own nose! The Congress has had its work appreciated throughout the world all these years, without the Government of India coming in to the rescue of the premier national organisation in the country, in the matter of publicity. The Congress is not carrying on its struggle for freedom, with any view of having its work heralded throughout the world as such, but for the sake of attaining the country's Independence. There was no broadcasting all these years; still the Congress and its sincere work in the matter of furthering the cause of India's fight for freedom, has reached the remotest corners of the world. And, this year's cancellation of the broadcasting programme by the AIR authorities (pre-arranged by themselves) is not going to bring down the Congress in the estimation of the world.

However, if it is not really the recent events in Bihar and the United Provinces that led to the cancellation of the programmes, —which it is hard to believe in the face of the facts staring us so "nakedly", if I may use that expression—will the controllers of broadcasting, explain what prompted them to take such a step?—Yours, etc.

A LISTENER.

Bombay, Feb. 18.

# *SHIPPING NEWS*

SAILED

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Killick Nixon s.s. City of Durban of 3672 reg tons Capt R J Walmsley sailed for Liverpool and Manchester via Port Said with local and same bottom cargo.

Turner Morrison s.s. Dio Dorado of 2766 reg tons Capt P E George sailed for Moulmein in water ballast

Lewis Drefus s.s. Hegeon of 3298 reg tons Capt N Cornello sailed for Verawal with local cargo

P and O S N s.s. Naldera of 8908 reg tons Capt L Parfitt sailed for Kobe via Colombo and China Japan Ports with passengers local and same bottom cargo

B I S N s.s. Vasna of 2026 reg tons Capt P Fairbrain sailed for Basra via Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports with passengers and local cargo.

B I S N s.s. Sirsa of 3387 reg tons Capt N Cockburn sailed for Karachi via Port Okha with local and same bottom cargo

B I S N s.s. Hatipara of 4883 reg tons Capt J C L Hornor sailed for Rangoon in water ballast

P and O S N s.s. Empress of Britain of 22545 reg tons Capt W G Buskwood sailed for New York via Colombo Singapore Chins Japan Ports Batavia Sydney and Melbourne with passengers

ARRIVED

B I S N s.s. Barpeta of 1892 reg tons Capt K G Mace arrived from Basra via Persian Gulf Ports Karachi and Verawal with passengers and general cargo

Burma Shell Oil s.s. Badarpur of 4949 reg tons Capt A Perryshow arrived from Rangoon via Karachi and Abadan with cargo of bulk petroleum.

LOADING

The followin, vessels booked for loading on 18-2-38.

S S Ernebank (FEC) for American Port via Colombo Madras Rangoon and Calcutta.

## STEAMERS IN DOCKS

### Alexandra Dock

Bombay, Feb. 18.

3 Tergestea 3708 Trieste 19-2 L Triestino
6 C/Benares 6720 Karachi 18-2 K Nixon
11 C/Durban 3672 U Kingdom 18-2 K Nixon
12 Manela 5041 Karachi 22-2 M M
14 Westmoor 2839 Liverpool 20-2 Anchor Line Ltd.
16 Viceroy of India 10027 London 19-2 M M

### Victoria Dock

1 Hoegh Transporter 2865 P Gulf 19-2 Volkart Bros.
3 Vita 1955 Karachi 19-2 M M
4 Barpeta 1892 P Gulf 23-2 M M
14 Cambay Star 320 Tuticorin 18-2 S Hassum

### Prince's Dock

F Tanfield 2776 Karachi 19-2 M M

### Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON

Rajputana 3-3-38 P and O S N
Strathaird 10-3-38 P and O S N
Ranchi 17-3-38 P and O S N
Mlaloja 24-3-38 P and O S N
Narkunda 24-2-38 P and O S N

FROM LIVERPOOL

City of Venice 26-2-38 K Nixon

FROM HAMBURG

Brauenfels 20-2-38 L Edwards
Meliskerk 14-2-38 L Edwards

FROM GOTHENBURG

Japan 8-3-38 L Edwards

FROM NEW YORK

Ernebank 20-2-38 F F Campbell
Pres Monroe 3-3-38 F F Campbell

FROM TRIESTE

Conte Rosso 16-3-38 L Triestino

FROM GENOA

Conte Biancamano 25-2-38 L Triestino

FROM CHINA AND JAPAN

Tango Maru 28-2-38 N Y Kaisha
Alipore 22-2-38 M M
Victoria 2-3-38 L Triestino
Burdwan 13-2-38 P and O S N
Conte Verde 15-3-38 L Triestino
London Maru 23-2-38 N Y Kaisha
Toyooka Maru 14-2-38 O S Kaisha

FROM BASRA

Ozarda 19-2-38 M M
Bankura 26-2-38 M M
Varsova 19-2-38 M M
Reichenfels 23-2-38 L Edwards

FROM SYDNEY

Strathnaver 26-2-38 P and O S N

FROM DURBAN

Tairea 19-2-38 M M
Karanja 5-3-38 M M

FROM BASSEIN

Homefield 20-2-38 M M

FROM RANGOON

Nagina 18-2-38 M M
Jalavamuni 24-2-38 Scindia S N

FROM CALCUTTA

Chyebassa 26-2-38 M M
Jalajyoti 24-2-38 Scindia S N
Bamora 26-2-38 M M

FROM KARACHI

Vita 24-2-38 M M
Toyooka Maru 26-2-38 N Y Kaisha

### Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON

Viceroy of India 19-2-38 P and O S N
Strathnaver 26-2-38 P and O
Rajputana 5-3-38 P and O S N
Strathaden 12-3-38 P and O

FOR LIVERPOOL

Britannia 18-3-38 Anchor Line
Westmoor 19-3-38 Anchor Line
City of Benares 4-3-38 K Nixon
City of Venice 21-3-38 K Nixon

FOR NEW YORK

President Garfield 18-2-38 F F Campbell
Pres Monroe 4-3-38 F F Campbell

FOR HAMBURG

Wildenfels 18-2-38 L Edwards
Reichenfel. 26-2-38 L Edwards

FOR TRIESTE

Tergestea 19-2-38 L Triestino
Conte Verde 15-3-38 L Triestino

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Toyooka Maru 1-3-38 N Y Kaisha
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Tairea 2-3-38 M M

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Jalvihar 20-2-38 Scindia S N

FOR KARACHI

Vita 27-2-38 M M
Manela 22-2-38 M M

B P T GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Tergestea 17-2-38
S S Nailsea Court (boats Am. Cotton) 17-2-38
S S Dayawati 17-2-38
S S Bhadravati 17-2-38
S S Tanfield 18-2-38
S S Vita 18-2-38

EXPORTS

Bombay, Feb. 18.

S S Targestea for Trieste: 20 bales raw cotton Bombay Company.

For Marseilles: 1621 bags linseed L Dreyfus; 620 bags gr nut in shell M Bhuta; 612 bags myrabellam K Trikamji

For Piraeus: 408 bags castorseed Ralli Bros.

For Alexandretta: 12 bales cotton grey yarn A E Ejel

S S Viceroy of India for London: 124 bags gr nut kernels G Gokalchand; 50 bales cotton fly sapt Textile Products (India); 174 bales lamb skins with far Grindlay.

S S West Moor for Liverpool: 11 bales raw wool M Nissim; 500 bags mowra meal Kishan Prasad; 664 bags linseed cake Kishan Prasad; 35 bales cotton twist waste L O Vora; 37 bales raw wool Harbham.

S S City of Beneras for Liverpool: 89 bales hemp raw Meyer Nissim.

S S Vito for New York: 124 bags sesame seeds D Abraham; 100 bales cotton fly A H Noorbhai; 160 bales cotton waste A H Noorbhai; 400 cases condiments E Spinner.

S S Pres Garfield for New York: 140 bags gum D Mavji.

For Jaffa: 1" bales grey cotton yarn R Shantilal.

For Pto Champeri Code Guatmala: 15 bales cotton grey yarn A Virji.

S S Emchank for New York: 66 bags gum S Khetsey.

IMPORTS.

S S Nailsea Court Agent Volkart Bros from San Francisco: 9808 bales h d cotton.

From Los Angles: 11057 bales cotton

S S Cathay Agent M Mackenzie from Sydney: 26 csks tallow; 47 cases cnd fruits; 91 bxs butterfl

From Melbourne: 60 bags peas; 336 csks tallow; 75 cases cnd fruits; 50 cases jams; 281 cases dried milk powder; 35 bales greasy wool; 149 cases dripping.

From Hobart: 139 cases jams; 46 cases deserts.

M-V Pellicula Agent Burma Shell Oil Storage and Distributing from Abadan: 9101 tons liquid fuel oil in bulk.

S S Rio Dorado Agent Turner Morrison from L Marques: 7841 tons coal.

S S Kidderpore Agent M Mackenzie from Colombo: 2928 bags copra; 132 bales mattress fibre; 178 chests tea.

From Singapore: 2333 bags betelnuts; 4205 bags sago flour; 95 bags damar batu; 167 bags rattans; 89 bdls pine apples; 68 cases component parts of rubber fittings.

From Saigan: 127630 pcs short scantling; 20815 pcs long scantling; 9200 pcs short boards; 4798 pcs long boards.

From Bangkok: 23978 bdls teak conversions.

From Osaka: 609 cases machinery (weaving); 176 cases cotton yarn; 52 cases machinery with accessories; 61 cases weaving machinery equipment; 325 cases glass bottles; 414 cases glass ware; 48 cases buttons; 51 cases bobbins; 38 cases art silk yarn; 180 cases glass bangles; 149 cases aluminium circles; 245 cases rayon yarn; 224 bags calcium carbonate; 43 cases empty tin cans; 93 cases c p goods.

From Hongkong: 212 bdls matting; 240 bags green beans; 42 cases sugar; 2360 pcs rugh douglas for timber; 52 cases batteries.

From Kobe: 125 cases art silk yarn; 130 cases glass bangles; 63 cases rayon yarn; 201 cases cotton goods; 88 cases cotton yarn; 391 cases spg and weaving machy and equipment; 140 cases staple fibre yarn; 70 cases cotton and art silk yarn; 125 bags magnesia carbonate; 89 bags sulphate of copper; 39 cases bobbins.

From Nagoya: 75 cases coat ironware; 90 cases earthenware; 97 cases hanging clocks; 168 cases porcelain ware; 263 coils manilla rope; 1485 cases tiles; 63 cases glassware; 51 cases weaving machinery with accessories; 172 cases glass bottles; 133 cases crockeryware.

S S Strathmore Agent M Mackenzie from Basle: 64 cases aniline colour; 120 cases indigo; 33 cases harmless chemicals; 53 cases radio apparatus.

From London: 101 cases bacon; 45 cases biscuits; 510 cases whisky; 96 cases cigarettes; 35 cases gin; 38 cases film.

From Charente: 401 cases brandy.

From Zurich: 92 cases embd cotton goods 27 cases machinery.

From Marseilles: 100 bags almonds; 75 bdls soap.

From Gibraltar: 28 cases wine.

### STRATEGY OF IRISH REVOLUTION

Subhas Bose To Deliver Lecture At Bombay On Feb. 25.

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 17.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Congress President, has consented to deliver a lecture on Mr. de Valera and the strategy of the Irish revolution on February 25 at Bombay under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party.—United Press Special.

Lord and Lady Rea lunched at the Bombay Government House on Friday.

# Considerable Speculative Buying In New York Cotton

## ROOSEVELT'S NEW MOVE TO RAISE COMMODITY PRICES

### Cheerful Feeling In American Markets

BOMBAY: February 18.

**ONE DOLLAR ADVANCE PER BALE IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET ON THURSDAY WAS PARTLY THE RESULT OF SIGNING THE FARM BILL BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, THOUGH CHEERFUL INFLUENCE OF OTHER MARKETS WAS OBVIOUS, TRADERS GENERALLY WERE INCLINED TO EXPECT AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMODITY PRICE STUDY.**

A cable from London states that it is understood that the parity price is that which will give cotton the same purchasing power relative to other commodities as at the base period August 1909 to July 1914. Producers will receive parity payments on normal production to give a return as nearly equal to the parity price as the funds appropriated permit.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady and advanced on higher foreign markets, active Liverpool and Wall Street advices, New Orleans and Commission Houses buying and also on advance of other commodities and stock market. Hedge selling was again light and apart from liquidation contracts were comparatively scarce. Finally trade buying and covering were in evidence and the market was very steady.

At the opening March was quoted 6 points up at 8.85 which was the lowest level for the day and prices advanced to 8.97 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 17 to 20 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 17 points at 9.06c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was firm and closed at a rise of 14 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 17 points at 9.23c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 4 points with March 4.96. Prices advanced on news that the Farm Bill received President Roosevelt's signature and the U. S. A. Administration's assertion that commodity prices are too low. There was speculative buying and short covering against light hedging. Later on there was continental buying, local covering and trade calling more than offset straddle selling. The market closed at a rise of 5 to 6 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 5.06d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was steady and closed at a rise of 3 to 7 points. Uppers futures advanced 7 to 9 points. The Alexandria market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 12 to 14 points.

COTTON OUTLOOK

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. state:—A week of moderate fluctuations has brought little nett change in values. The announcement at the beginning of the present week that the Congress had passed the Farm Bill caused a small flutter but it soon became evident that most of the recent buying was speculative in nature and there were too many selling limits just above the market to allow any further advance. We have not yet been told what the various clauses in the Farm Bill are and one cable received in Bombay stated that the Bill was almost incomprehensible. Whatever the Bill may aim at cotton dealers still realise that there is too much cotton in the world, and with consumption in most countries on the decline prospects of any reduction in the carryover even at the end of next season are not very bright. Consumption in the United States of America last month was only 435,000 bales as against 678,000 in the corresponding month last year's reliable information from Japan is difficult to obtain but it is believed that curtailment in that country is now about 45 per cent. In Europe consumption is tending downward. The only country where consumption is keeping ahead of last season in India but in this country political and economic conditions are such as to indicate that a recession of Mill activity is more than likely at no distant date. We feel that we cannot but recommend clients who were fortunate enough to make purchases at lower rates to secure profits and wait for a lower market.

SALES ADVISABLE

In Bombay speculators have been active as usual but there has been much less doing in the actual market. Export demand is still very poor and local Mills have been finding less demand for their goods and as they are mostly well supplied with raw material they have shown little interest in fresh purchases. The basis of most styles of cotton is tending to ease and this is not a hopeful sign for bulls. The Broach crop has just started to move. Prospects for quality and quantity are good but the outlook for offtake could not be described as promising and as this cotton comes forward for sale considerable hedge pressure must be experienced. During the week the Bombay market has widened slightly in parity with Americans and this widening is likely to continue during the next few weeks as stocks at ports are steadily increasing. With world trade conditions and markets generally so depressed we can see no reason for any upward movement at present and prefer sales especially in the Bombay market.

PRIVATE CABLES—

| | |
|---|---|
| New York March highest (2-44 p.m.) | 8.97+18 |
| New York March lowest (10 a.m.) | 8.85+06 |
| Liverpool March highest | 4.97+05 |
| Liverpool March lowest | 4.94+02 |

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following telegram from their foreign friends

New York: 'Commission houses buying. Bullish developments expected Washington. Hedge selling realizing will absorbed Better undertone, looks higher.'

Messrs. Bishwambharlal Maheshwari have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market stimulated by inflation psychology also possibilities processing tax exempting floor stocks which likely cause active goods demand.

Market advancing on general foreign buying.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Passing of Farm Bill plus President of U S remark that commodity prices too low influenced considerable buying. Look for a higher range of prices. Cotton goods market—yarn market—small increase in activity.

Profit taking and hedge selling absorbed by aggressive foreign and trade demand with expectations of further bullish developments from Washington.

Market active and higher due to new speculative buying on inflation possibility.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 8.96+11 |
| May | 9.05+19 |
| July | 9.13+19 |
| October | 9.24+20 |
| December | 9.25+20 |
| January | 9.27+20 |
| Middling Spot | 9.06+17 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 9.10+14 |
| May | 9.19+17 |
| July | 9.25+17 |
| Middling Spot | 9.29+17 |

NEW YORK

New York, Feb 17

11-00 A.M. RANGES—

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 8.89/8.89 |
| May | 8.98/8.98 |
| July | 9.07/9.07 |

NOON CALL—

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 8.93 |
| May | 9.03 |
| July | 9.11 |

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Day's receipts at all U S Ports | 9,000 bales |
| Day's exports to Great Britain | 8,000 bales |
| Day's exports to the Continent | 5,000 bales |
| Day's exports to China and Japan | nil |

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| February | 4.94+06 |
| March | 4.97+05 |
| April | 5.00+05 |
| May | 5.03+05 |
| June | 5.05+05 |
| July | 5.08+05 |
| August | 5.10+05 |
| September | 5.12+05 |
| October | 5.15+05 |
| November | 5.16+05 |
| Middling Spot | 5.06+04 |
| | 10-12 a.m. quotations |
| March | 4.95 |
| May | 5.02 |

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| F G F Spot | 8.40 |
| GIZA— | |
| Spot | 7.60+7 |
| March | 7.13+8 |
| May | 7.18+8 |
| July | 7.22+8 |
| October | 7.19+8 |
| November | 7.24+8 |
| January 1939 | 7.24+7 |
| UPPERS— | |
| Spot | 6.31+7 |
| March | 6.12+7 |
| May | 6.10+8 |
| July | 6.12+7 |
| October | 6.15+9 |
| November | 6.15+9 |
| January 1939 | 6.17+9 |

INDIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| BROACH— | |
| Fully good (good staple) | 4.17 |
| Fine (good staple) | 4.32 |
| Superfine (good staple) | 4.47 |
| OOMRA— | |
| Fine (No. 1 staple) | 4.29 |
| Superfine (No. 1 staple) | 4.44 |
| Choice (No. 1 staple) | 4.59 |
| BENGAL— | |
| Good | 3.57 |
| Fully Good | 3.67 |
| Fine | 3.82 |

### Cotton Arrivals

| | Bales |
|---|---|
| Receipts into Bombay on 15th February | 19,019 |
| Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1937 | -,047,586 |
| Receipts into Bombay same time last season | 1,630,639 |
| Decrease | 583,052 |

### Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| SAKELS— | |
| March | 14.20+13 |
| May | 14.34+14 |
| ASHMOUNI— | |
| February | 10.78+12 |
| April | 10.65+12 |
| GIZA— | |
| March | 13.10+12 |
| May | 13.17+14 |

## BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 18

Following a rise of 19 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 177/14 for Broach A/M delivery and advanced to Rs. 178/12 on steady short covering and speculative buying. Later on there was scattered realising and prices declined to Rs. 178/8. The tone of the market was very steady and quotations were as under:—

Liverpool market was due to open at a rise of 3 points but it opened 4 points up and in the local market prices advanced to Rs. 179. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Broach A/M | 178 | 14 | 0 |
| Broach J/A | 181 | 2 | 0 |
| Oomra March | 159 | 2 | 0 |
| Oomra May | 160 | 6 | 0 |
| Bengal March | 135 | 4 | 0 |
| Bengal May | 136 | 14 | 0 |

## MARKETS OBSERVE HOLIDAYS

### Trading In Cotton

THE LOCAL COTTON AND OTHER MARKETS WILL REMAIN ENTIRELY CLOSED ON SATURDAY. ALL MARKETS WILL ALSO REMAIN CLOSED ON MONDAY BUT COTTON MARKET WILL OPEN AT 3 P. M. AND CLOSE AT 5 P.M.

### Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | Extra Spr-fine | Sup | Fine | FG | Good |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M. G.— | | | | | |
| Bengal U.P. | 143 | 141 | 139 | 137 | |
| Punjab | 143 | 141 | 139 | 137 | |
| Rajputana | 143 | 141 | 139 | 137 | |
| Oomra No. 3 | 168 | 165 | 162 | 159 | ... |
| C. P. No. 1 | 180 | 177 | 174 | 171 | ... |
| C. P. No. 2 | 172 | 169 | 166 | 163 | .. |

### Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bengal Superfine | 143/46 |
| Bengal Fine | 139/41 |
| Bengal F.G. | 137/38 |
| C.P. 1 | 174/75 |
| C.P. 2 | 165/66 |
| Arvi | 166/69 |
| Amraoti | 162/63 |
| Ellichpur | 167/68 |
| Berar | 162/64 |
| Khandesh | 154/57 |
| Jalna/Sailu | 154/58 |
| Burwah/Sanavad | 164/65 |
| Khandwa | 164/65 |
| Harda/Khirkiya | 166/67 |
| Mathia | 142/45 |
| Malkapur | 160/64 |
| Punjab 4 F. | 193/96 |
| Punjab 289F. | 238/43 |
| Sindh 4 F. | 188/93 |
| Sindh N.T | 218/23 |

## INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Feb. 18.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

| | Yester-day | This year. | Last year. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Khandesh | 209 | 26,171 | 185,362 |
| Central India | 573 | 19,384 | 244,903 |
| Barsi and Nagar | 2,820 | 93,124 | 124,539 |
| Hyderabad-Gaorani | 1,624 | 27,566 | 58,781 |
| Berar | 3,797 | 168,684 | 424,174 |
| Central Provinces | 837 | 34,367 | 91,419 |
| Total Oomras | 9,860 | 360,196 | 1,129,484 |
| Dholera | 233 | 25,143 | 24,494 |
| N.-W. Provinces | | 2 065 | 5,529 |
| Rajputana | 200 | 5,918 | 40,704 |
| Sind-Punjab | 4,357 | 359,327 | 228,235 |
| Broach | 168 | 2,950 | 47,798 |
| Coompta and Dharwar | | 9,611 | 11,737 |
| Westerns-Northerns | 52 | 4,080 | 13,748 |
| Cocoanada | | 12 | 124 |
| Tinnevelly and Cambodia | | 908 | 2,844 |
| American | | 109.682 | 3,692 |
| Egyptian, African and Sudan | 92 | 193,356 | 141,194 |
| Comilla, Burma and other sorts | | 1,170 | 15 |
| Total | | 14,962 1,062,543 | 1,549,648 |

### Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York Liverpool: March 152 May 154 July 157 October 160 December 165 at cross rat 5.03 7/16

Bombay Liverpool: Broach A/M 1933 178 Liverpool May 1938 5.06 Rs. 42 1/4 at exchange 1/6

Bombay Liverpool: Broach J/A 1938 180/8 Liverpool July 5.11 Rs. 42 1/2 at exchange 1/6

Bombay New York: Broach AM 1938 178 New York May 9.06 Rs. 22 1/4 at cross rate 5.03 1/16

Bombay New York: Broach J/A 1938 180/8 New York July 9.13 Rs. 21 3/4 at cross rat 5.03 8/16

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

| F.P. Bales | 1937-38 | 1936-37 |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts to date 17-2-38 | 6743000 | 5703000 |
| Receipts Yesterday 17-2-38 | 9000 | 7000 |
| Exports to date 17-2-38 | 4267000 | 3897000 |
| Stock at Ports 11-2-38 | 3204000 | 2234000 |
| Stock at Interior Towns 11-2-38 | 2573000 | 1952000 |
| Stock at Liverpool 11-2-38 | 1184000 | 906000 |
| Visible Supply 11-2-38 | 7598000 | 5851000 |
| Quantity in sight 11-2-38 | 11449000 | 10782000 |
| Quantity out of sight 11-2-38 | 6732000 | 8183000 |

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept. to 10th Feb.

In full-pressed Bales.

| | Yester-day | This year. | Last year. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Europe | | 892 116,547 | 193,028 |
| Japan and China | | 233,434 | 712,111 |
| Coast Ports | | 33,692 | 10,025 |
| Up-country by Rail | | 179,414 | 112,637 |
| Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan | | 27,725 | 35,590 |
| Total | | 892 581,812 | 1,063,391 |

LINSEED OIL

London, Feb 18

| | |
|---|---|
| Linseed Oil naked London per cwt March sellers | 27/4 1/2 |
| Linseed Oil naked London per cwt May Aug paid sellers | 27/3 |

## GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Feb 18

Yesterday London gold prices advanced 1d. to £6-19-10. London Paris Exchange rate was 6 points up at 152.84 and Dollar sterling cross rate was 5.03 116. London silver prices declined 1/16d. to 19 15/16 for Spot and Forward also lost 1/16d at 19 5/8d. Speculators bought and sold and business was small and the market was featureless. New York silver was unchanged at 44 3/4 cents and Montreal futures declined 10 points. Shanghai T T on London was quoted at 1-2 1/4. The local market was fairly steady with a moderate business and quotations were as under:—

GOLD

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ready | 34 | 8 | 9 |
| Maha | 34 | 8 | 9 |
| Fagan | 34 | 7 | 3 |

SILVER

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ready | 50 | 1 | 0 |
| Maha | 50 | 1 | 0 |
| Fagan | 50 | 9 | 0 |

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Spot | 19 15/16 |
| Forward | 19 5/8 |

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Gold Bars Fine per oz | £6-19-10 |

### Montreal Silver

Montreal, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| February | 45.20 |
| March | 44.90—10 |
| May | 44.90—10 |

## LONDON METALS

London, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Copper | £39 15 0 |
| Lead | £15 10 0 |
| Spelter | £14 6 3 |
| Tin | £184 2 6 |

### Bombay Metals

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| London Market.— | |
| Standard copper cash (buyers) | £39/12/6 |
| Standard copper 3 months | £39/17/6 |
| Electrolytic copper | £44/10/0 |
| Bombay Market.— | |
| Yellow metal sheets | Rs. 39/8 |
| Copper sheets | Rs. 44/0 |
| Tone:—Steady. | |

### Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, Feb. 17.

| | |
|---|---|
| March | £10-8-9. |

## GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Groundnuts Feb— | | | |
| Opening | 28 | 1 | 6 |
| Highest | 28 | 4 | 9 |
| Lowest | 28 | 1 | 0 |
| Closing | 28 | 4 | 9 |
| Groundnuts May— | | | |
| Opening | 29 | 1 | 9 |
| Highest | 29 | 5 | 9 |
| Lowest | 29 | 1 | 6 |
| Closing | 29 | 5 | 9 |
| Castorseeds May— | | | |
| Opening | 32 | 7 | 0 |
| Highest | 32 | 13 | 0 |
| Lowest | 32 | 7 | 0 |
| Closing | 32 | 10 | 6 |
| Cottonseed May— | | | |
| Opening | 18 | 13 | 3 |
| Highest | 18 | 14 | 0 |
| Lowest | 18 | 12 | 6 |
| Closing | 18 | 13 | 9 |

### Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, Feb. 17.

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 89 3/4d. |
| May | 88 3/4d. |
| July | 88 1/4d. |

### Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Feb. 17.

| | |
|---|---|
| May | dol 0.94. |
| July | dol 0.89 5/8 |
| September | dol 0.89 1/2 |

## LONDON SUGAR

London, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| March | sh. 5 3 3/4d. |

### Bombay Sugar

Bombay, Feb. 18.

Ready Javas Rs. 15-5.
Shipment March Rs. 5-4.
Shipment April-June Rs. 5-5-6.
Shipment July-Sept. Rs. 5-7.
Kesar Rs. 11-14.
Saraya Rs. 11-7.
Java Spot F. 7.00.

### New York Sugar

New York, Feb. 17.

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 2.27 |
| July | 2.29 |
| September | 2.31 |
| January | 2.27 |

## YARN EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yarn No. 6 1/2s.— | | | |
| February | 114 | 0 | 0 |
| April | 113 | 0 | 0 |
| June | 113 | 0 | 0 |
| Yarn No. 10 1/2s.— | | | |
| February | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| April | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| June | 129 | 0 | 0 |
| Yarn No. 20 1/2s.— | | | |
| February | 178 | 0 | 0 |
| April | 176 | 0 | 0 |
| June | 173 | 0 | 0 |

## LONDON DISCOUNT RATES

London, Feb 17

Bank bills 3 months market rate 9/16 per cent to 9/16 per cent
Bank bills 6 months market rate 9/16 per cent to 5/8 per cent
Fine trade bills 3 months market rate 2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent
Fine trade bills 6 months market rate 1/2 per cent to 1/2 per cent
Interest day to day loan 1/2 per cent to 1/2 per cent
Interets 3 days market loan 1/2 per cent

## GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb 18

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 3/4 per cent 1948/57 | 100/6 |
| 3 per cent 1951/54 | 102/10 |
| 3 per cent 1941 | 103/6 |
| 3 per cent D P Bonds | 97 |
| 3 1/2 per cent G P N Cash | 98/4 |
| 3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan | 106/7 |
| 4 per cent 1945 Bonds | 108/12 |
| 4 per cent 1960/70 | 114/2 |
| 4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 | 119/12 |
| 5 per cent 1939/44 | 104/8 |
| 5 per cent 1939/43 | 107/8 |
| 5 1/2 per cent 1938/40 Loan | 102/8 |
| TAX FREES | |
| 4 per cent 1953/63 | 113 |
| 5 per cent 1955 | 123/6 |
| 5 per cent 1945/55 | 119/9 |
| 5 1/2 per cent 1939 Mysore | 102/4 |

Note:—3 1/2 per cent Government paper opened to-day at Rs. 97/4 against and advanced to Rs. 97/11/6 on speculative buying, but profit taking depressed prices to Rs 97/6. Tendency down.

## MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 18

| | |
|---|---|
| B. C. RATES— | |
| T T D D | 1/6 1/16 |
| LONDON— | |
| Bank's selling T T D D | 1/6 3/32 |
| Bank's buying T T | 1/6 5/32 |
| Bank's buying D D | 1/6 3/16 |
| Bank's buying 3 months | 1/6 7/32 |
| NEW YORK— | |
| Bank's selling T T | 264 1/4 |
| Bank's buying T T | 262 1/4 |
| PARIS— | |
| Bank's selling T T | 1,144 |
| Bank's buying T T | 1,164 |
| JAPAN— | |
| Bank's selling T T | 77 1/2 |
| Bank's buying T T | 77 |
| AMSTERDAM— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 67 1/4 |
| JAVA— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 67 1/8 |
| HONGKONG— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 83 1/2 |
| SHANGHAI— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 79 1/2 |
| SINGAPORE— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 156 1/4 |
| BERLIN— | |
| Bank's selling D D | 92 1/4 |
| CROSS RATE— | |

New York London 5.03.18 17th instant
Japan London 1/2 18th instant
Hongkong London 1/3 1/16 18th instant
Shanghai London 1/2 1/4 18th instant
Java London 8.94 3/4 18th instant
London Paris 152.84 17th instant
London Belgium 29.55 1/4 17th instant
London Switzerland 21.60 3/4 17th instant
London Berlin 12.40 1/2 17th instant
London Stockholm 19.40 1/8 17th instant
London New York 5.03.05 17th instant
Londo Amsterdam 8.96 3/4 17th instant
London Italy 95.60 17th instant
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quieter.
Gold £6-19-9 16th instant
Gold 6-19-10 17th instant
Silver London Ready 20 16th instant
Silver London Ready 19 15/16 17th instant
Silver London Forward 19 11/16 16th instant
Silver Londo Forward 19 5/8 17th instant
Silver New York Ready 45 16th instant
Silver New York Ready 45 17th instant
Londor discounts 3 months 9/16 per cent 16th instant
London discounts 3 months 9/16 per cent 17th instant
London discounts 6 months 9/16 per cent 16th instant
London discounts 6 months 5/8 per cent 17th instant
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—
Call 1/2 per cent.
3 months 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/4 per cent.
Tone:—Quiet.

### Indian Sterling Loans

London, Feb 17

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Call Loan London | | 1/2 |
| 3 per cent | 79 | 1/2 |
| 3 1/2 per cent | 92 | 3/4 |
| 3 1/2 per cent 1954/59 | 103 | 1/2 |
| 4 per cent 1948/53 | 108 | 3/4 |
| 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55 | 113 | 1/2 |
| 4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 | | 116 |
| 5 per cent 1942/47 | 111 | 1/2 |
| 3 per cent 1949/52 | 98 | 3/4 |
| 2 1/2 per cent British Consols | 77 | 3/4 |
| 3 1/2 per cent War loan | | 103 |
| 4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90 | 114 | 1/4 |
| Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary | | 43/9 |

## HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 17

Broach A/M 1938 opening 176 1/8 highest 176 3/8 lowest 175 3/4 closing 176 3/8

Broach J/A opening 178 1/8 highest 178 5/8; lowest 177 7/8 closing 178 1/2

Oomra March opening 156 7/8 highest 157 3/4 lowest 156 3/4 closing 157 1/2

Oomra May opening 158 highest 158 3/4 lowest 157 3/4 closing 158 1/2

Bengal March opening 134 5/8 highest 135 lowest 134 1/4 closing 134 3/4

Bengal May opening 135 highest 135 3/4 lowest 135 closing 135 1/4

Tejimandi for Broach April May (21-3-38) Rs. 15 7/8

Tejimandi for Broach April May (31-3-38) Rs. 6 7/8

Tejimandi for Broach July August (24-6-38) Rs. 15

## PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wheat | 5,934 Cwts. |
| Linseed | 18,899 Cwts. |
| Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds | 80 Cwts. |
| Gingellyseed | 548 Cwts. |
| Groundnuts | 18,457 Cwts. |
| Castorseed | 150 Cwts. |
| Rice | 34,307 Cwts. |
| Myrabollams | 2,370 Cwts. |
| Cottonseed | 13,766 Cwts. |
| Gram | 1,498 Cwts. |
| Joowar | 117 Cwts. |
| Barley | 1,055 Cwts. |
| Bajree | 2,067 Cwts. |
| Indian Sugar | 2,644 Cwts. |

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality | 6 1/8 |

# Increased Selling On Stock Exchange

## GOVERNMENT PAPER DECLINES

### Kohinoor And Textiles Easy

BOMBAY: February 18.

**The local Market was easy to-day with a marked absence of any buying. The market will remain entirely closed on Saturday and Monday.**

**There was further selling in Government Securities to-day and 3-1/2 per cent. Paper after opening at Rs. 97-10 declined to Rs. 97-4 when short covering appeared and prices recovered to Rs. 97-6.**

**Similarly there was increased selling in the Cotton Mill shares. Kohinoors which were very steady yesterday were offered freely and Colabas as well as Gokaks were also marked down.**

**There was no apparent reason for weakness, but it seems that there is absence of confidence.**

**Wall-Street advices were firm and inflation talk is gaining ground. President Roosevelt is expected to make a constructive statement in connection with commodity prices.**

## TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 18.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 100 Ahm Advance (Rs 6) | 370 | 0 |
| 250 BOM DYEING (Rs 25) | 970 | 0 |
| 100 CENTURY | 2⅛ | 12 |
| 100 CEN INDIA (Rs. 4) | 258 | 8 |
| 100 COLABA (Rs. 2-8). | 192 | 8 |
| 100 Coorla (Rs 5) | 95 | 0 |
| 250 David | 75 | 0 |
| 250 Dawn (Rs. 10) | 390 | 0 |
| 1 E. D. Sassoon (nil) | 0-6-9 | |
| 100 Finlay (Rs 2) | 137 | 8 |
| 100 GOKAK (Rs. 4-8) | 177 | 8 |
| 1000 Hindustan (Rs 75) | 1,720 | 0 |
| 100 Indore | 70 | 0 |
| 100 Khatau (Rs 3) | 126 | 0 |
| 100 KOHINOOR (Rs. 10) | 340 | 0 |
| 250 Laxmi (Rs. 12-8) | 538 | 12 |
| 250 Madras United | 35 | 0 |
| 1000 Morarji (nil) | 1,255 | 0 |
| 250 Model | 51 | 4 |
| 50 MYSORE (Rs. 2) | 120 | 0 |
| 200 NEW GREAT (nil) | 268 | 8 |
| 100 Osmansnahi (Re 1) | 4 | 8 |
| 100 Phoenix (nil) | 252 | 8 |
| 25 SASSOON SILK (Rs. 2) | 66 | 8 |
| 1000 Sholapur (Rs 50) | 1,950 | 0 |
| 50 SIMPLEX (Rs. 2) | 90 | 0 |
| 100 SWADESHI (Rs. 5) | 243 | 12 |
| 100 Swan | 101 | 4 |
| 500 Vishnu (Rs. 50) | 1265 | 0 |
| 1000 Western (Rs 10) | 915 | |
| BANKS. | | |
| 50-100 Baroda (Rs 2-8) | 115 | 12 |
| 25-50 Central (Rs. 12) | 32 | 2 |
| 500 Imperial (Rs. 201) XD | 1570 | 0 |
| 125-500 I Conty (Rs. 7-8) | 381 | 4 |
| 50-100 India (Rs. 2-8) | 149 | 4 |
| 100 Reserve Bank (Rs 3-8) | 119 | 8 |
| 5 Union (As. 4.) | 5 | 11 |
| CEMENTS. | | |
| 100 ASSOCIATED | 31 | 12 |
| INSURANCE. | | |
| 100-500 Empire (Rs. 14) | 857 | 0 |
| 15-100 Jupiter (As. 12) XD | 14. | 0 |
| 20 Mercantile | 54 | 8 |
| 15-15 New India (Rs. 1-4) | 41 | 4 |
| 200 Oriental | 4400 | 0 |
| 10-50 Vulcan (Rs. 8) | 7 | 8 |
| ELECTRIC. | | |
| 10 Ahm. Old XD | 136 | 4 |
| 1000 ANDHRA VALLEY (Rs. 40) | 1427 | 8 |
| 10 Amer (As 4) | 13 | 0 |
| 50 BOM. TRAM (Rs. 2-8) | 119 | 6 |
| 100 B'bay Suburban (Rs 6) | 165 | 0 |
| 10 Broach (As 5) | 14 | 0 |
| 100 Karachi (4) | 203 | 12 |
| 100 Poona (4) | 212 | 8 |
| 100 Surat (Rs. 6) | 160 | 10 |
| 100 TATA HYDRO (Rs. 5) | 151 | 4 |
| 1000 TATA POWER (Rs. 37-8) | 1.323 | 0 |
| RAILWAYS. | | |
| 500 Ahmedabad Prantij | 945 | 0 |
| 100 C Province | 100 | 0 |
| 100 Dn Baramati | 104 | 4 |
| 100 Gujarat | 98 | 8 |
| 100 Mandra Bhon | 102 | 0 |
| 100 Pachora Jamner | 94 | 12 |
| 100 Sara Sirajgunj | 102 | 0 |
| 500 Tapti Valley | 752 | 8 |
| MININGS. | | |
| 9 Burma Corp. (As. 11) | 6 | 14 |
| 2sh. Indian Copper (As. 1-8) | 2 | 4 |
| 10 Indian Iron and Steel (Rs. ) | 28 | 4 |
| 10 SHIVRAJPUR (Rs. 2) | 46 | 8 |
| 30 TATA STEEL DFD (Rs. 36-3-6) | 995 | 0 |
| 75 TATA STEEL ORD (Rs 10) | 241 | 4 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | |
| 1000 ALCOCK (Rs. 5) | 310 | 0 |
| 50 BELAPUR SUGAR | 155 | 0 XD |
| 100-250 B'bay Safe Dep. (Rs 13-12) | 855 | 0 |
| 250 Bombay Steam (Rs, 13-12) | 248 | 12 |
| 125 B. BURMA (Rs 12) | 611 | 14 |
| 50 Do. Conty (Rs. 2) | 212 | 8 |
| 8sh. Br. B. Petrol | 3 | 4 |
| 50 TELEPHONE (Rs. 1-8) | 96 | 0 |
| 100 I. BLEACHING (Rs. 3) | 143 | 12 |
| 50 I. Invest Trust (Rs. 2) | 47 | 0 |
| 100 I. Radio Defd (12) | 527 | 8 |
| 100 I. Radio Ord. (15) | 440 | 0 |
| 1000 Port Canning (Rs. 26) | 662 | 8 |
| 30 PREMIER CON. Rs. 2-15) | 45 | 8 |
| 15 Scindia | 20 | 8 |
| 25 Tata Oil Mill (nil) | 26 | 0 |
| PREFERENCE. | | |
| 7 p.c. Andhra Valley | 1500 | 0 |
| 6 p.c Bombay Steam | 288 | 12 |
| 7 p.c. B'bay Tram (T.F.) | 75 | 0 |
| 5 p. c. Central India (T.F.) | 537 | 8 |
| 6-1/4 p.c Prem Const. 1st | 108 | 0 |
| 6 1/4 p.c Prem Const 2nd | 103 | 0 |
| 7 p.c. Tata Hydro | 152 | 8 |
| 7 1/2 p.c Tata Power | 1560 | 0 |
| 6 p. c. Tata Steel 1st | 203 | 12 |
| 7½ p.c. Tata Steel 2nd | 165 | 12 |
| 7 p.c. Vishnu | 703 | 12 |
| DEBENTURES | | |
| 3 3/4 p c Andhra Valley | 101 | 8 |
| 6 p.c. Andhra Valley | 108 | 12 |
| 4 p c Bom Telephone | 51 | 12 |
| 7 p.c Sholapur | 81 | 0 |
| 6 p.c Tata Hydro | 109 | 0 |

**(Last Dividend in Brackets and Capital letters indicate shares on Forward List).**

## WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Feb 17

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

| | Dollars. |
|---|---|
| Amr Water Works Com | 9 |
| Amr Power and Light Com | 5 |
| Amr Power and Light Pfd 5 per cent A | 25 |
| Amr Forn Power Gold D 5 per cent | 51 |
| Amr Super Power | 4 |
| Electric P and Light 7 per cent Pfd | 34 |
| Electric Bond Common | 7 |
| Consolidated (Gas) Edison | 22 |
| Columbi Gas and Elec | 7 |
| American Tel and Tel | 138 1/4 |
| Western Union Telg | 25 |
| New York Central Rly | 18 |
| United S Rubber | 32 |
| Bethelehem Steel | 57 |
| Crucible Steel | 36 |
| Republic Steel | 18 |
| United S Steel | 54 3/4 |
| Anaconda Copper Mining | 33 |
| Int Nickel of Canada | 49 3/4 |
| Chrysler Motors | 56 |
| General Motors | 35 1/4 |
| Packard Motors | 5 |
| General Electric | 39 3/4 |
| Boeing Airplane | 28 |
| Curtis Wright | 4 |
| American Radiator | 13 |
| Union Carbide | 74 |
| Consolidated Oil | 9 1/2 |
| Socony Oil | 15 1/4 |
| National Dairy | 14 |
| Chase Bank | 31 |
| National City Bank | 26 1/2 |
| Sun Life of Canada | 415 |
| U S Gypsu | 67 |

Outlook inflationary. Commodities higher. Brokers loan for the week dol 16,000,000 up. Turnover 860,000 shares.

## INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb 18

Closing quotations at 2-15 p.m. were as under:—

| | |
|---|---|
| GOVERNMENT SECURITIES | |
| 3 1/2 per cent Paper | 97/7 |
| BANKS | |
| Central | 32/2 |
| India Bank | 149 |
| Reserve Bank | 119/8 |
| Union Bank | 5/12 |
| INSURANCE | |
| New India | 40/12 |
| TEXTILES | |
| Bombay Dyeing | 930 |
| Calico | 645 |
| Century | 235 |
| Colaba | 195 |
| Gokak | 177/8 |
| Kohinoor | 241/4 |
| Simplex | 91/4 |
| HYDRO ELECTRIC | |
| Tata Hydro Ord | 152/8 |
| Tata Power Ord | 1330 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | |
| Alcock Ashdown | 320 |
| Associated Cements XD | 125 |
| Bombay Steam | 243/12 |
| Bombay Telephone | 96 |
| Burma Corporation | 6/11 |
| Br B Petrol | 3/6 |
| Indian Bleaching | 140 |
| Indian Copper | 215 |
| Indian Iron | 28/8 |
| Scindia Steam | 20/8 |
| Shivrajpur | 46/4 |
| Tata Oil | 26 |
| Tata Steel Ordy | 219/8 |

Following Delivery Slips have been issued to-day:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Saijan | 125 |
| Reserve Banks | 50 |
| Nagpurs | 10 |
| Associated Cements | 10 |
| Bombay Dyeings | 135 |
| T Ordinaries | 100 |

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 17

| | |
|---|---|
| Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent | £72 1/2 |
| Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 | £79 1/2 |
| Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later | £92 3/4 |
| Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55 | £113 1/2 |
| Consols 2 1/2 per cent | £77 3/4 |
| Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 | £103 7/8 |
| War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952 | £103 |
| Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 | £114 1/4 |
| Victory Bonds | £112 1/4 |
| Chartered Bank of India A China | £12 1/4 |
| Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg | £88 |
| National Bank of India | £41 |
| P and O Banking Corporation | £9 5/8 |

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 18

| | |
|---|---|
| Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. ton February sellers | £12-10-0 |
| Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. ton February sellers | £14-5-0 |
| Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. ton February sellers | £14-5-0 |
| Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont c.i.f. ton Feb Mar sellers | £12-17-6 |
| Castorseed B

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## Mischief Done Is Of British Making

### Mahatma's Plain-Speaking: Interviews To "Daily Herald" And "Times"

• The following is the text of the interview given by Mahatma Gandhi to the "Daily Herald" (London) and "The Times" (London) correspondents at Haripura:—

**"Many prisoners, convicted for crimes of violence in pursuit of a political motive, have been discharged before now and during the period of office of the Congress Ministries. I do not know that any menace, grave or otherwise, has been thereby created in respect of peace or tranquility in any single part of India. Congress Ministers, throughout the seven Provinces, have given ample testimony of their readiness and ability to cope with forces of disorder. The Congress stands more to lose than the Government, if during its regime in any Province disorders take place.**

**WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FIRST?**

**"I understand that the Ministers in the Provinces concerned have, previously to asking for discharge of prisoners, assured themselves of the change of mentality of the prisoners. Surely, it is they who, according to law, are in the first instance, responsible for Law and Order.**

**"The Governor and the whole weight of British might is always in reserve if, in spite of the efforts of Congress Ministers, disorders take place with its well-known efficiency in suppressing disorders when they actually take place."**

**INTERFERENCE UNWARRANTED.**

**"Surely, there was no warrant whatsoever for interference with the deliberate decisions of the Congress Ministers in the matter under discussion.**

**"I cannot help thinking that the Ministers, who have resigned, have taken instructions from the Working Committee—the only honourable course open to them."**

**MAHATMA'S HOPE.**

Gandhiji further adds: **"I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT WHAT I REGARD AS GRIEVOUS, MAY BE, SOMEHOW OR OTHER, RECTIFIED. It is difficult for me to realise that the Viceroy would allow a grave crisis to be created over what must be in his estimation a paltry matter."**

**INTERVIEW TO "TIMES."**

Gandhiji has given an interview to the "London Times" also, in the course of which he says that HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE STEP TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

**Further he observes that it was just the kind of interference which he had dreaded on the Congress acceptance of Office and which fear had become justified by the recent event. He, therefore, infers from this interference that possibly THE BRITISH AUTHORITY WAS ALARMED OVER THE RAPID PROGRESS THE CONGRESS WAS MAKING IN ITS CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY, AND IN THE HOLD IT IS STRENGTHENING OVER THE PEOPLE. But, surely, that was only to be expected.**

**WILL MISCHIEF DONE BE UNDONE?**

He hopes, however, that INTERFERENCE WAS WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED, AND THAT, THOUGH THE CRISIS HAD BEEN PRECIPITATED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ACTION, SOMEHOW OR OTHER, THE MISCHIEF DONE WOULD BE UNDONE. BUT IT WAS OF BRITISH MAKING AND THE UNDOING HAD ALSO TO COME FROM THE BRITISH SIDE.

**Gandhiji concludes the interview saying: "By the marvellous manner in which Congress Ministers had embarked upon social and economic legislation, the Congress had given ample proof of its desire to seriously work its office programme."—United Press.**

Babu Subash Chandra Bose taking tea with Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Syt. B. Sambamurti, after the meeting of the Congress Subjects Committee on Wednesday afternoon.

## Resolution Withdrawn At Jawahar's Instance: Incident At Delegates' Meeting

### Move To Urge Other Provinces To Follow Suit Fails

**VITHALNAGAR, February 18.**

**A SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATION GIVING A DIM INKLING INTO THE MIND OF THE CONGRESS HIGH COMMAND IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE LINE OF ACTION ABOUT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT IN TWO PROVINCES, IS REPORTED TO BE GIVEN AT THE MEETING LAST NIGHT OF DELEGATES AND MEMBERS OF THE ALL-INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE FROM THE UNITED PROVINCES.**

Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, President of the Provincial Congress Committee, was in the chair. Speeches were made by Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, dwelling on events which led to resignations.

It appears that the meeting wanted to pass a resolution, not only congratulating the United Provinces Cabinet on tendering resignations, but also urging the Congress Ministers in other Provinces to follow suit.

It transpires that at the intervention of Pandit Nehru, who did not like delegates meeting to usurp the functions of the Congress Working Committee, no such resolution was passed.

The meeting confined itself in offering congratulations to the Pant Cabinet on their resigning as a protest against interference by the Governor-General.

As for Bihar, it appears, delegates from that province also will hold similar meeting to-day.—United Press.

## GOVERNOR'S DISCRETION OVER-RULED

### Madras Minister On Crisis

MADRAS, Feb. 16.

The Hon'ble Mr. Yakub Hasan, Minister for Public Works interviewed regarding the resignation of ministries in Bihar and the United Provinces said:—

It is well-known that Mahatma Gandhi has set heart and even risked his health on getting all the political prisoners throughout India released as soon as possible.

His appeal to the prisoners and detenus who are accused of violence and terrorism has borne good fruit and public assurance has been given by the prisoners of the latter category that their outlook and mentality have undergone a complete change and that they have lost all faith in all methods involving violence and terrorism.

Owing to Mahatmaji's intervention a large number of prisoners were released in Bengal and the question of releasing the remaining prisoners was kept in abeyance pending Mahatmaji's recovery of his normal health.

It is therefore unfortunate that His Excellency the Governor-General has thought it fit to interfere with the discretion of the Governors of the United Provinces and Bihar respectively and has stopped the release of a handful of political prisoners in these provinces.

It appears to me that the Viceroy has taken this deliberate action which may precipitate a grave crisis in order to thwart Mahatma Gandhi's attempt to get the political prisoners released in Bengal and other non-Congress provinces.

The resignation of the ministries in the United Provinces and Bihar has already made the question of the release of political prisoners a live issue between the Congress under Mahatmaji's immediate direction and the British Government.

I do not think it necessary to anticipate the trend of developments and speculate on it.—A. P.

### Muslim M.L.A. On Crisis

MADRAS, February 16.

Interviewed on the resignation of the Ministries in Bihar and the United Provinces Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, M.L.A., said:—

The news of the resignation of the Congress Ministries in Bihar and the United Provinces is a matter of serious concern to both parties. The interference by the Governors at the instance of the Governor-General is a matter which is the sole concern of the Ministers namely, maintenance of law and order in their respective provinces, is unwarranted and ill-advised.

The action of the Governors and the Governor-General should also be considered to be in violation of the understanding arrived at before the Congress Party accepted office. If Provincial Autonomy will not allow freedom of action to the Ministers in the sphere of political activities and the release of prisoners convicted for such activities, the so-called autonomy must be said to be only farcical.

It is to be hoped that the Governors and the Governor-General would lose no time in retrieving the position and save the country from lapsing into a state of unrest and bitterness of feeling. But at the same time I am of opinion that it will not be in the best interests of the country that in the provinces where such issues have already been solved or have not risen at all to precipitate a similar situation as in the two provinces

## Consult States In Trade Negotiations

### Standing Committee Of Chamber Of Princes In Session

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

The demand for the association of States representatives with the trade negotiations between India and foreign countries, it is understood, was among the important matters discussed at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes which concluded to-day.

It was suggested that the view-point of Indian States should be heard at some stage of negotiations of the nature and should have the weight it deserved in shaping the legislative and economic policy of India.

If there was any constitutional or practical objection to formal association through States representatives, the alternative was indicated in the course of discussion, namely, that the Government of India might depute their own officer to ascertain the views of Indian States.

Exemption of ruling Princes' luggage from examination by the customs authorities is believed to be another point examined. The meeting is reported to have decided to urge the Government of India authorities and the Customs authorities to waive so far as Princes are concerned the rule relating to examination of baggage, while as regards the baggage of their retinue, no modification of the existing provision is sought.

Restrictions on the visits of Princes to Simla imposed by the Government resolution of 1921 were also considered at the meeting together with the Government explanation that restrictions were necessary in view of the limited accommodation available in that hill station.—A.P.

It is to be hoped that the Working Committee of the Congress will come to a right decision in regard to the future policy to be adopted.

### A. I. T. U. C. EXECUTIVE SUPPORT ACTION

HARIPURA, February 17.

The Executive Committee of the All-India Trade Union Congress met to-night at the United Provinces delegates' camp Dr. Suresh Chandra Bannerjee, presiding, and adopted a resolution congratulating Bihar and the United Provinces Ministries on the bold step they have taken in resigning on the issue of the release of politicals and assuring the National Congress of the T. U. C.'s fullest support in any effective steps they may take to meet the situation.

By another resolution, the Committee decided to hold a joint session of the Trade Union Congress and the National Federation of Trade Unions at Nagpur sometime in April.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Provinces Congress Committee held to-night at the U. P. delegates' camp, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru explained to the delegates the circumstances which led to the resignation of the U. P. Ministry. Pandit Pant and other U. P. Ministers also addressed the meeting.—A. P.

### CONGRESS SOUVENIR

VITHALNAGAR, Feb. 18.

A novelty which has attracted to itself the attention of Vithalnagar, is the Haripura Congress Souvenir (1938)—a huge 550-paged creation of the Ramakrishna Brothers, Publishers, Poona City.

The Souvenir, which has a magnificent colour plate of the President of the 51st session, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose on its cover page, depicts in arresting style the ebb and flow in the fortunes of the Congress and portrays through 500 beautiful photographs the various vicissitudes through which the Congress had passed during half a century of its existence.

It contains, among other things, life-sketches of the members of the Working Committee, the All-India Congress Committee, Congress Legislators and Ministers, leaders and prominent workers, and pen-pictures of master-minds, leaders of nationalist press, industrial magnates and Indian women celebrities.

It is a unique contribution to the growth of nationalism, a rare recorder of Congress history and a token of the 51st eventful year of the Indian National Congress.—United Press.

### "Hindustan Times" Annual Number

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

A special annual number has been issued by "The Hindustan Times" in connection with the Haripura Congress. It includes important articles by leading politicians and some of the Premiers.

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, in an article under the caption "Federation—Real and Unreal", discusses the question from an official viewpoint.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose suggests the formation of an Indian Diplomatic Service in an article.

A series of eight cartoons by Mr. Shanker entitled "When Swaraj Comes" are a special feature of the special Number.—United Press.

### THREE "DICTATORS" RELEASED

#### Echo Of Cow Slaughter In Gorakhpore

LUCKNOW, F b. 18.

Three Muslim dictators, namely, Messrs. Mohamed Faruq, M.L.A., Rizayanullah, M.L.A., and Shafayat Ahmed, Municipal Commissioner, who were arrested for defying an order against cow-slaughter in Zahidabad, Gorakhpore, were released yesterday morning. Three hundred volunteers who were also arrested in connection with the same were released on personal bond day before yesterday and their case is coming up on February, 24.—United Press.

### BREACHES ON N. W. RAILWAY REPAIRED.

The Divisional Traffic Superintendent of the North-Western Railway wires from Lahore as follows:—

"The landslip between Jawalamukhi Road and Kopar Lahar was removed at 8-30 a. m. to-day. Through communication has been restored. Booking of all descriptions of traffic has been resumed."—United Press

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai met the United Provinces' delegates and Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha and Dr. Syed Mahmud met the Bihar delegates in their respective camps and explaining the circumstances under which they were obliged to resign from the Ministries.

## Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE
INSPECTOR WADE TOLD ME TO GUARD YOUR PLACE, MISS BELMAN, SO'S YOU CAN SLEEP SAFE!
OH---GOOD NIGHT, OFFICER--
IT'S SUCH A COMFORTABLE FEELING, KNOWING SOME-ONE IS PROTECTING YOU!---
SHUCKS, THIS JOB IS EASY---I HAVEN'T SEEN A STRANGER AROUND
AS THE OFFICER PASSES BENEATH A TREE--
THE INVESTORS
A FLYING FIGURE KNOCKS HIM TO THE GROUND, UNCONSCIOUS!

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